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Twenty-sixth meeting of the Presiding Officers  
of the Regional Conference on Women in  
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Santiago, Chile, 13-14 July 1998

### ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda

Delegations will have the provisional agenda before them, for consideration and adoption with whatever modifications they may deem appropriate.

2. Progress report by the Chairperson, in particular regarding the implementation of the resolution adopted by the Regional Conference at its seventh session on activities in follow-up to the Regional Programme of Action for the Women of Latin America and the Caribbean

Pursuant to the resolution adopted by the Regional Conference at its seventh session on activities in follow-up to the Regional Programme of Action for the Women of Latin America and the Caribbean, 1995-2001, the Chairperson of the Presiding Officers participated, as a member of the delegation of Chile, at the twenty-seventh session of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) (Aruba, 11-16 May 1998). On that occasion, the Chairperson presented the Santiago Consensus and outlined the work of the Presiding Officers.

Reference documents:

- Report of the seventh session of the Regional Conference on the Integration of Women into the Economic and Social Development of Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/G.2016(CRM.7/7))
- Statement by the Minister-Director of the National Women's Service of Chile (SERNAM), Ms. María Josefina Bilbao, at the twenty-seventh session of ECLAC

- Draft report of the twenty-seventh session of ECLAC

3. Follow-up to United Nations world conferences and summits and their provisions regarding the mainstreaming of the gender perspective

The secretariat will prepare a set of reference documents concerning agreements on gender and the advancement of women adopted at United Nations world conferences and summits, particularly at the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, the World Conference on Human Rights, the International Conference on Population and Development, the World Summit for Social Development and the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II). The Government of Chile, through an official from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, will present a document on follow-up to those agreements, prepared by the Director of the Office for Multilateral Policy of the Ministry. This input will serve as the basis for discussion.

Reference documents:

- Reports of the main summits held in recent years, and programmes of action adopted at those summits and at regional conferences
- Proposal for analysis of the follow-up to agreements on women's issues adopted at United Nations conferences and summits

4. Review of the activities of the Presiding Officers and of the ECLAC secretariat since the twenty-fifth meeting of the Presiding Officers, including evaluation of the seventh session of the Regional Conference

- (a) Evaluation of the seventh Regional Conference with reference to selected themes, the outlines of position papers prepared by the Presiding Officers, statements by the countries, the working methods used and the content of the Santiago Consensus;
- (b) Reports by the ECLAC member countries represented by the Presiding Officers on activities carried out since the election of the current Presiding Officers, pursuant to mandates contained in the Regional Programme of Action and the Santiago Consensus;
- (c) Analysis of the distribution of responsibility among the countries represented by the Presiding Officers and adoption of any necessary changes;<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup>See the report of the twenty-second meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/L.966(MDM.22/4)), p. 3, note 1: "Distribution of responsibility: Barbados, Cuba and Netherlands Antilles: English-speaking countries of

- (d) Presentation by the secretariat of “The fiscal covenant: strengths, weaknesses, challenges”, a substantive document of the twenty-seventh session of ECLAC;
- (e) Report by the secretariat on activities carried out since the seventh Regional Conference, particularly those which led to the adoption of a proposal during the twenty-seventh session of ECLAC (Aruba, May 1998); to create a subprogramme to promote the mainstreaming of the gender perspective in the principal areas of regional development; measures already adopted to institutionalize the gender perspective; gender-related tasks under way within various divisions of ECLAC; implementation of the project on indicators currently being carried out jointly by ECLAC and the Latin American Faculty of Social Sciences (FLACSO); and updating of the directory of national organizations dealing with programmes and policies on women in Latin America and the Caribbean.

Reference documents:

- The fiscal covenant: strengths, weaknesses, challenges (LC/G.1997(SES.27/3))
- Informe de la reunión sobre estrategia de institucionalización del enfoque de género en el trabajo sustantivo de la CEPAL (LC/L.1088)
- Estudio-consulta para el desarrollo de una estrategia de institucionalización del enfoque de género en el trabajo sustantivo de la CEPAL (LC/R.1813)
- Women in water-related processes in Latin America. Proposals for research and policies (Stockholm, August 1998). Summary of the paper to be presented by the Officer-in-Charge of the Women and Development Unit
- Proceso de institucionalización del enfoque de género en la CEPAL. Experiencias sectoriales. Document prepared by the Officer-in-Charge of the Women and Development Unit
- Address given by the Executive Secretary of ECLAC at the international seminar on macroeconomics, gender and the State (Cartagena, Colombia, 5 July 1998)
- La situación de la mujer en zonas rurales en Chile. Un diagnóstico sobre campesinas y asalariadas agrícolas en situación económica precaria (LC/R.1821)

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the Caribbean, Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic; Chile: Brazil and Colombia; Honduras and Mexico: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Nicaragua and Panama; Argentina: Paraguay; Bolivia and Ecuador: Peru; Uruguay: Venezuela.”

5. Review of follow-up to the Regional Programme of Action, in particular in strategic areas not considered at the seventh session of the Regional Conference

Since the debates at the seventh session of the Regional Conference focused on issues relating to power and decision-making and to poverty, the Presiding Officers will analyse the other six strategic areas of the Regional Programme of Action, namely:

- Area I: Gender equity
- Area II: Economic and social development with a gender perspective: women's equitable share in the decisions, responsibilities and benefits of development
- Area V: Human rights, peace and development
- Area VI: Shared family responsibilities
- Area VII: Recognition of cultural plurality in the region
- Area VIII: International support and cooperation

Reference documents:

- Regional Programme of Action for the Women of Latin America and the Caribbean, 1995-2001 (LC/G.1855)
- Platform for Action contained in the Report of the Fourth World Conference on Women (A/CONF.177/20/Rev.1)

6. Activities of the Commission on the Status of Women at its forty-second session, particularly follow-up to the Platform for Action of the Fourth World Conference on Women

The delegation of Mexico will review activities carried out by the Commission on the Status of Women at its forty-second session, held in March 1998; the decisions adopted will be analysed, with particular reference to those concerning follow-up to the Platform for Action, regional activities and agreements entered into by the countries of the region.

Reference documents:

- Resolutions adopted by the Commission on the Status of Women at its forty-second session

7. Planned activities of the Presiding Officers and of the ECLAC secretariat

The Presiding Officers will select the issues to which they wish to devote their efforts for the rest of their mandates, bearing in mind the results of the recent session of the Commission on the Status of Women and the outcome of discussions during the meeting.

Consideration will be given to the offer by the Government of Peru to act as host country for the eighth Regional Conference, to be held in the year 2000.

8. Other matters

The countries represented may raise other matters of interest to them.