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**REPORT OF THE FIRST MEETING OF THE PRESIDING OFFICERS
OF THE REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT
IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN**

Santo Domingo, 1 November 2016

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A. ATTENDANCE AND ORGANIZATION OF WORK

Place and date of the meeting

1. The first meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Social Development in Latin America and the Caribbean was held on 1 November 2016 in Santo Domingo, in conjunction with the eighth meeting of the Ministerial Forum for Development in Latin America and the Caribbean, and was convened jointly by the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), pursuant to paragraph 15 of resolution 1(I) adopted at the Regional Conference on Social Development held in Lima in 2015.

Attendance¹

2. The meeting was attended by representatives of the following member countries in their capacity as Presiding Officers: Colombia, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Haiti, Panama, Paraguay and Peru.

3. Also present at the meeting were representatives of the following member countries of ECLAC: Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Brazil, Chile, Costa Rica, Cuba, El Salvador, Grenada, Guatemala, Guyana, Honduras, Italy, Mexico, Plurinational State of Bolivia, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Trinidad and Tobago and Uruguay.

4. Attending from the United Nations Secretariat were representatives of the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) and the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR).

5. In addition, the following United Nations agencies, funds and programmes were represented at the meeting: United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS), United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), World Food Programme (WFP), United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women).

6. The following specialized agencies of the United Nations were also represented: International Labour Organization (ILO) and United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).

7. Representatives of non-governmental organizations and other special guests also attended the meeting.

¹ See annex 2.

Chair

8. The Presiding Officers, as elected at the Regional Conference on Social Development held in Lima in 2015, were as follows:

<u>Chair:</u>	Peru
<u>Vice-Chairs:</u>	Colombia, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Haiti, Panama and Paraguay

Opening session

9. The eighth meeting of the Ministerial Forum for Development in Latin America and the Caribbean and the first meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Social Development in Latin America and the Caribbean were opened on 31 October 2016 by Danilo Medina, President of the Dominican Republic. Statements were made by Margarita Cedeño, Vice-President of the Dominican Republic, Helen Clark, Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), and Alicia Bárcena, Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC).

10. After welcoming the participants, the Vice-President of the Dominican Republic said that the government of her country had actively promoted social policies and that hosting the meetings was an acknowledgement of those efforts. During the meeting, four themes would be discussed that addressed the main challenges faced by the countries of the region in shaping more effective social policies to help the most vulnerable, namely, multidimensional progress; sustainable strategies for lifting people out of poverty; the social inequality matrix; and the definition of social policies to support the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals. A multidisciplinary approach was needed to combat poverty and the countries of the region should be guided by a paradigm in which economic progress was an instrument for equality.

11. The Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) said that the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean had witnessed remarkable transformations since the early twenty-first century and that more than 72 million people in the region had exited poverty between 2003 and 2013. Important progress had also been made in the fields of gender equality, employment and environmental sustainability, although weak economic growth posed a threat to that progress. Persistent inequalities, discrimination and exclusion, including on the basis of gender and ethnicity, also required policy attention and it was therefore crucial to rethink the region's progress along a multidimensional and holistic perspective. Lastly, countries should align their development plans with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

12. The Executive Secretary of ECLAC said that putting equality at the centre of development, as ECLAC proposed, implied a break with the development paradigm that had prevailed hitherto. That break was necessary and pressing because inequality and the lack of environmental sustainability undermined development and security, and because the region could grow more and better. The development pattern must undergo a profound change in order to link up industrial, technological, environmental and social policies that incorporated knowledge, innovation and new skills to foster the creation of good-quality jobs. There was a risk that the significant social gains made in the region in recent decades would be reversed by the worsening economic and labour market indicators. The document, *The Social Inequality*

Matrix in Latin America,² addressed the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development from the perspective of four axes, which underpinned the proposal by ECLAC to develop understanding of the different facets of inequality and how they intersected with poverty and wealth, beyond the distribution of income. The socioeconomic inequalities generated by the production matrix intersected with and reinforced other types of inequalities, such as those related to gender, ethnic or racial identity, age and territory, which created and perpetuated serious gaps in the exercise of rights, income levels, access to productive resources and decent work, and social inclusion, a gap which must be closed through education, training and social protection. To achieve inclusive social development, governments must improve the quality of all aspects of social policy using a rights-based approach, and work actively to break down the structures that reproduced social inequality in the region. It was time for a shift from a culture of privilege to one of equality, and to understand and recognize that inclusive social development was a fundamental pillar of sustainable development.

B. AGENDA

13. The Presiding Officers adopted the following agenda:
1. Adoption of the agenda.
 2. Presentation of the document *The Social Inequality Matrix in Latin America*.
 3. Presentation of the annotated index of the position paper for the Regional Conference on Social Development in Latin America and the Caribbean (Uruguay, 2017).
 4. Other matters.
 5. Consideration and adoption of agreements.

C. PROCEEDINGS

Adoption of the agenda (agenda item 1)

14. The Chair submitted the provisional agenda for consideration by the Conference, which adopted it without amendment.

Presentation of the document *The Social Inequality Matrix in Latin America* (agenda item 2)

15. Laís Abramo, Chief of the Social Development Division of ECLAC, recalled that in paragraph 11 of resolution 1(I) of the Regional Conference on Social Development in Latin America and the Caribbean held in Lima in November 2015, the member states had urged the secretariat to deepen the analysis of the multiple dimensions of social inequality, poverty and vulnerability and to report in that regard at the first meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference. In response to that mandate, ECLAC presented the document *The Social Inequality Matrix in Latin America*.

² LC/G.2690(MDS.1/2).

16. In her presentation of the document, the Chief of the Social Development Division of ECLAC said that the objective was to deepen the analysis of social inequality in the region and contribute to the implementation and follow-up of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, which had helped to put the goal of equality at the centre of the global debate, which could be considered a timely cultural victory. *The Social Inequality Matrix in Latin America* presented an analysis that dealt with some of the axes that underpinned the region's persistent social inequality, based on the formulation of equality that ECLAC had been working on since 2010. In addition to equality of means (income and productive resources), that formulation included equal rights, capacities (education, nutrition, access to information technologies and durable goods), autonomy and mutual recognition. The social inequality matrix in the region was heavily conditioned by its productive matrix, which was characterized in turn by great structural heterogeneity. The first and most basic determinant of inequality was social class (or socioeconomic stratum). Nonetheless, gender, racial, ethnic and territorial inequalities and those connected to the different stages of the life cycle were also axes of the matrix. The axes structuring the social inequality matrix intersected, reinforcing and linking up with one another throughout the life cycle and giving rise to a multiplicity of inequality or discrimination factors that operated simultaneously or cumulatively over time. The confluence of multiple types of inequality and discrimination characterized the "hard cores" of poverty, vulnerability and inequality, contributing to their reproduction. Lastly, better recognition and analysis of the characteristics of social inequality to understand the structural gaps that marked out Latin American societies were vital for progress along the path of sustainable development and towards the goals set forth in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

17. Margarita Cedeño, Vice-President of the Dominican Republic, Cayetana Aljovín Gazzani, Minister of Development and Social Inclusion of Peru, and Ana Olivera, Undersecretary of Social Development of Uruguay, offered comments on the document presented.

18. The Vice-President of the Dominican Republic said that *The social inequality matrix in Latin America* was an extraordinary contribution to the development of inclusive strategies in the region and that it contained a thorough analysis of the central themes of national social agendas, given that social inequality was a structural problem and remained at very high levels, despite the redistributive policies implemented in recent years. The production structure was the key, as it exacerbated inequality and eroded social cohesion. In that context it was difficult to speak of sustainable development, particularly in the light of the low level of growth. The current low levels of economic growth, together with the consequent decrease in formal employment, were having severe repercussions on social security. The document prepared by ECLAC underscored the need to focus on the labour market, where inequality was generated. In addition, it was imperative to move away from the heterogeneity of the production structure, raise productivity, increase the formalization of employment and improve tax collection; social protection efforts must also shift from being targeted to universal. It was not only a question of developing infrastructure or accessing financing, but also of training the workforce with a focus on innovation, new technologies and research and development, in order to boost productivity and jobs in more competitive sectors. She also referred to territorial inequalities and gender inequality and said that there was a significant wage gap between men and women that had to be addressed decisively, as the accumulated deficits faced by women throughout the life cycle meant that their social security benefits and well-being were not guaranteed in their old age. There was a need to move towards a universalism sensitive to differences, for which strengthening institutions and social compacts was a fundamental task. She stressed that the major challenge facing the region was combating social inequality and that income redistribution was key to achieving the goals of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Lastly, she said that *The Social Inequality Matrix in Latin America* should be taken into account when determining social policy.

19. The Minister of Development and Social Inclusion of Peru spoke of the importance of good-quality statistics, as without data it was very difficult to develop effective public policies. She also said that consideration of the life cycle was fundamental as the failure to address inequality in childhood would make it more difficult to reduce later, citing as an example policies aimed at ensuring that girls completed their secondary education and preventing adolescent pregnancies. She agreed that territory was a crucial theme that must be taken into consideration when formulating differentiated policies to deal with rural poverty and urban poverty, for example. The State had to reach out to the most vulnerable populations and not wait for them to come to the State. Given the importance of productive development, social programmes must take productive inclusion into account. She also underscored the importance of strengthening social development institutions by promoting coordination among national, regional and local bodies.

20. The Undersecretary of Social Development of Uruguay said that the rights-based approach of *The Social Inequality Matrix in Latin America* put equality at the centre of the debate, which was not insignificant; the region had made great progress in the past decade in reducing poverty and indigence, but less in reducing inequality. The document correctly pointed out the importance of the countries' political will to address poverty and inequality, which had underpinned the good results achieved in recent years. She noted that all dimensions of inequality must be addressed, starting with class inequality. Having adequate data on the reality of indigenous and Afro-descendent populations, and Afro-descendent women in particular, was crucial. She also pointed out that inequality should be analysed throughout the life cycle and that after childhood and youth (the two first windows of opportunity) it was very difficult to overcome. She said that territory was a substantive consideration and that not only were there differences between cities, but also within them. The gaps between the city centre and the periphery must be analysed. She also noted the importance of considering the cultural dimension in the fight against inequality. In order to prevent backsliding and to continue moving forward, those in charge of public policies and responsible for strengthening and consolidating institutions must have the political will to do so.

21. Several delegations congratulated ECLAC on the quality of the document and agreed that in order to leave no one behind, there must be a shift from a culture of privilege to one of equality.

Presentation of the annotated index of the position paper for the Regional Conference on Social Development in Latin America and the Caribbean (Uruguay, 2017) (agenda item 3)

22. Under this agenda item, the Chief of the Social Development Division of ECLAC submitted to the delegations for consideration a draft annotated index of the position paper for the next Regional Conference on Social Development in Latin America and the Caribbean, to be held in Uruguay in 2017.³ The proposed title was "Linkages between the social and production spheres: gaps, pillars and challenges" and the paper would be structured along the following lines: chapter I would set out the paper's overall approach, taking as a starting point the ECLAC definition of equality as a strategic aim of development. It would briefly examine the arguments, focusing on the need to maintain and advance inclusive social development and to link the economic and environmental spheres, as was called for by the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The axes that structured social inequality (socioeconomic level, gender, ethnic or racial identity, stage of the life cycle and territory) would be considered when analysing the gaps that persisted in the region and designing public policies, as a necessary condition for meeting the targets of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development while leaving no one behind. Chapter II would present updated statistical information on the context, organized according to the axes that structured the social inequality matrix. It would examine recent progress and challenges with regard to social policies that adopt a life cycle

³ DSC.1-ES.

perspective, rooted in a comprehensive, rights-based approach to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals, giving specific consideration to the situation of the Caribbean countries. Chapter III would discuss the profound changes under way in the world of employment and the need to promote decent work and to move towards closing the gaps identified in the social inequality matrix. It would analyse the challenges of linking social inclusion with economic inclusion (employment, productive and financial) and of making sustainable progress towards eradicating poverty and reducing social inequality in the region. Chapter IV would analyse the challenges related to financing, institutional capacity-building, statistical measurements and information, and building consensus, compacts and partnerships.

23. In the ensuing discussion, several delegations agreed that the theme of territory must be explored further in the paper. The representative of Saint Kitts and Nevis suggested including the issue of natural disasters in chapter IV, given that they represented a challenge for social policies. The representatives of Colombia and Costa Rica suggested that efforts to reduce the digital divide and achieve universal access to information and communications technologies should be included, and should be considered as complements of strategies for the reduction of poverty and inequality. The representative of Guatemala said that the paper should cover the issue of rural development and urban poverty.

24. The Vice-President of the Dominican Republic said that the paper must cover the question of culture, since values and behaviours must change and identities must be created in order to move towards equality and inclusion and to address different social problems, including gender-based violence and the situation of persons with disabilities.

Consideration and adoption of agreements (agenda item 5)

25. The text of the agreements was presented for consideration by the governments, and was adopted by all representatives in attendance.

Annex 1

AGREEMENTS

At their first meeting, held on 1 November 2016 in Santo Domingo, on the occasion of the eighth Ministerial Forum for Development in Latin America and the Caribbean, the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Social Development in Latin America and the Caribbean agreed to:

1. *Recognize* the work of the secretariat in achieving progress towards fulfilment of the agreements set forth in resolution 1(I) of the Regional Conference on Social Development in Latin America and the Caribbean, held in Lima in November 2015, in particular as regards the analysis of poverty and inequality, social protection, labour and production inclusion, and food and nutritional security; the establishment and expansion of databases on social investment, non-contributory social protection programmes, youth and social inclusion, and social development institutions; cooperation and technical assistance for the countries of the region; experience-sharing between countries, and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, among others;

2. *Welcome* the document *The social inequality matrix in Latin America*,¹ prepared by the secretariat, and draw attention to the importance of:

- (i) Progressing towards the elimination of poverty in all its forms, as established in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, consolidating recent progress in Latin America and the Caribbean and recalling that those advances are fragile and reversible unless accompanied by stable generation of productive employment and decent work, the universalization of access to good-quality education and health care, and the construction of a rights-based universal system of social protection,
- (ii) Taking firm steps to tackle the high levels of inequality that continue to characterize the region, as an essential condition for achieving the central purpose of the 2030 Agenda to “leave no one behind”,
- (iii) Continuing to deepen research and knowledge related to the social inequality matrix in the region, which is closely related to the highly heterogeneous and undiversified production structure of its economies and which is conveyed, through the structure of the labour market, to the social sphere, where it produces sharp inequality in household income, to which are added gender inequalities, ethnic and racial inequalities, territorial inequalities and age-based inequalities,
- (iv) Acting to tackle the gaps identified in *The social inequality matrix in Latin America*, in order to break down the barriers in access to social services and well-being faced by those living in poverty or vulnerability, women, indigenous peoples, Afro-descendants, children, young people, older persons, those living in underdeveloped areas, persons with disabilities and migrants, which requires incorporating the elements analysed in that document into the design of public policies on social development in order to make effective progress towards universalizing rights and building universal, comprehensive social protection systems,

¹ LC/G.2690(MDS.1/2).

- (v) Having systematic statistical information on the different dimensions of inequality identified in *The social inequality matrix in Latin America* and on their manifestations in the various spheres of social development and the exercise of rights,
- (vi) Making progress in the construction of agreements, compacts and consensuses around these objectives and consolidating a culture of equality capable of overcoming the culture of privilege that has historically characterized the region.

3. *Recognize* that the greater effort made by the countries of the region during this century to increase public social investment and protect people from the fluctuations of economic cycles has been a key factor in achieving the progress made and that, at the current juncture, it is essential to protect social investment and make the tax burden more progressive to avoid backsliding, which would impose high costs on individuals and on the region's economies;

4. *Adopt* the annotated index of the position paper for the Regional Conference on Social Development in Latin America and the Caribbean to be held in Uruguay in 2017, along with the observations and suggestions included in the report of the first meeting of the Presiding Officers;

5. *Request* the Chair of the Regional Conference on Social Development in Latin America and the Caribbean to report at the next meeting of the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development on the Conference's most salient conclusions for the regional implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;

6. *Thank* the Government of Uruguay for its offer to host the next Regional Conference on Social Development in Latin America and the Caribbean, to be held in November 2017, and for the progress made thus far in preparations for the Conference;

7. *Commend* the Government of Peru for its excellent work as Chair of the Presiding Officers of the Conference;

8. *Thank* the Government and people of the Dominican Republic, represented by the Vice-President of the Dominican Republic, for the excellent organization of the first meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Social Development in Latin America and the Caribbean, held in the framework of the eighth Ministerial Forum for Development in Latin America and the Caribbean;

9. *Commend* the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean and the United Nations Development Programme on having jointly convened the first meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Social Development in Latin America and the Caribbean, thereby harnessing synergies and complementarities.

Annex 2

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

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