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**586(XXIX) REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON WOMEN IN
LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN**

The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,

Recalling its resolution 558(XXVI), in which it adopted the Regional Programme of Action for the Women of Latin America and the Caribbean, 1995-2001,

Taking note of General Assembly resolutions 50/203 of 22 December 1995, 51/69 of 12 December 1996, 52/100 of 12 December 1997, 52/231 of 4 June 1998, 53/120 of 9 December 1998 and 54/142 of 17 December 1999 on the follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, which emphasized the fundamental role played by the regional commissions in these tasks,

Recalling also Economic and Social Council resolution 1997/61 on the implementation of decisions and on integrated and coordinated follow-up to major United Nations international conferences and summits,

Taking into account that, as a subsidiary body of ECLAC, the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean held the following meetings of its Presiding Officers: the thirty-first meeting, in Santiago, Chile, from 13 to 15 September 2000; the thirty-second meeting, in San Jose, Costa Rica, on 19 and 20 April 2001; and the thirty-third meeting, in Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, from 9 to 11 October 2001, on which occasions a number of agreements were adopted,

Stressing that the agreements reached at the thirty-third meeting of the Presiding Officers included the deferral of the ninth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean until 2004 in order to harmonize regional follow-up to the Regional Programme of Action for the Women of Latin America and the Caribbean, 1995-2001, with the 10-year review of the implementation of the Beijing Platform,

Takes note of the reports and endorses the agreements of the thirty-first, thirty-second and thirty-third meetings of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean.¹

¹ Report of the thirty-first meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/L.1468(MDM.31/4)); Report of the thirty-second meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/L.1536(MDM.32/3)); Report of the thirty-third meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/L.1654(MDM.33/4)).