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**ECLAC SESSIONAL AD HOC COMMITTEE  
ON POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT**

**ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

1. Election of officers

The rules of procedure of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) provide for the election of a chairperson, two or more vice-chairpersons and a rapporteur. As noted in the annotation to the provisional agenda of the twenty-ninth session (LC/G.2156(SES.29/2)), it is suggested that the composition of this group of Presiding Officers and of those of the other committees be discussed at the meeting of heads of delegation to be held on 6 May 2002. The Presiding Officers will remain in office until their successors are elected.

As provided in ECLAC resolution 536(XXV), entitled "Latin American and Caribbean Regional Plan of Action on Population and Development", and paragraph 98 of that Regional Plan of Action (LC/G.1920; LC/DEM/G.159), the ECLAC sessional Ad Hoc Committee on Population and Development has final responsibility for the follow-up and review of issues related to population and development, including the Regional Plan of Action. In addition, during the period between meetings of the Ad Hoc Committee, the Presiding Officers are responsible for the task of coordination, follow-up and review, and are provided with support in these tasks by the ECLAC secretariat, which also acts as its secretariat.

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2. Adoption of the agenda

The delegations will have before them, for their consideration and approval, the provisional agenda prepared by the secretariat in consultation with the Chairperson of the Presiding Officers of the Ad Hoc Committee. Member countries may make such observations or suggest such modifications as they deem appropriate under the aforementioned rules of procedure.

The provisional agenda was prepared in accordance with the Regional Plan of Action, ECLAC resolutions 536(XXV), 556(XXVI) and 577(XXVIII), as well as with the agreements adopted at the open-ended meeting of the Presiding Officers of the ECLAC sessional Ad Hoc Committee on Population and Development (Santiago, Chile, 4-5 December 2001).

3. Report of the Chairperson of the Presiding Officers of the ECLAC sessional Ad Hoc Committee on Population and Development

Working document:

- Report of the open-ended meeting of the Presiding Officers of the ECLAC sessional Ad Hoc Committee on Population and Development (LC/L.1703), Santiago, Chile, 4-5 December 2001

Reference documents:

- Report of the ECLAC sessional Ad Hoc Committee on Population and Development, 3-4 April 2000, Mexico City (LC/G.2109-P, annex 2)
- Report of the Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole of the Twenty-first Special Session of the General Assembly (A/S-21/5/Add.1)
- Latin America and the Caribbean: review and appraisal of the implementation of the programme of action of the International Conference on Population and Development (LC/DEM/G.184)
- Latin American and Caribbean Regional Plan of Action on Population and Development (LC/G.1920; LC/DEM/G.159)
- Latin American and Caribbean Consensus on Population and Development (approved at the Latin American and Caribbean Regional Conference on Population and Development, held in Mexico City from 29 April to 4 May 1993)

The Chairperson of the Presiding Officers of the Ad Hoc Committee on Population and Development will report on the implementation of the Latin American and Caribbean Regional Plan of Action on Population and Development and of the Programme of Action adopted at the International Conference on Population and Development (Cairo, 1994). Special reference will be made to the agreements adopted at the open-ended meeting of the Presiding Officers held in Santiago, Chile on 4 and 5 December 2001.

The Director of the Latin American and Caribbean Demographic Centre (CELADE)-Population Division of ECLAC will report on the activities carried out by the secretariat during the period between May 2000 and April 2002 and on the priorities which will guide the work of CELADE in the coming months.

The Director of the Latin American and Caribbean Division of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) will report on the activities completed and those planned in the spirit of the Programme of Action adopted in Cairo and the Regional Plan of Action and in accordance with the conclusions reached at the special session of the General Assembly held to review and appraise the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD+5) (30 June-2 July 1999).

Representatives of member countries and international organizations will have the opportunity to report on national and regional activities relating to the subject. Within that context and as agreed at the twenty-eighth session (resolution 577(XXVIII)), delegations are reminded of the importance of identifying and promoting a national mechanism in each country to take responsibility for follow-up to the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development and for identifying and maintaining a liaison agency to coordinate activities related to the Regional Plan of Action.

4. Sociodemographic vulnerability: old and new risks for communities, households and persons

Working documents:

- Sociodemographic vulnerability: old and new risks to communities, households and persons: summary and conclusions (LC/G.2170(SES.29/16))
- Report of the open-ended meeting of the Presiding Officers of the ECLAC sessional Ad Hoc Committee on Population and Development (LC/L.1703), Santiago, Chile, 4-5 December 2001

Reference documents:

- Sociodemographic vulnerability: old and new risks for communities, households and persons (LC/R.2086)
- Sociodemographic vulnerability in the Caribbean: an examination of the social and demographic impediments to equitable development with participatory citizenship in the Caribbean at the dawn of the twenty-first century (Población y desarrollo series, No. 25 (LC/L.1704-P))

In accordance with paragraph 78 of the Latin American and Caribbean Regional Plan of Action on Population and Development and with ECLAC resolution 536(XXV), the Ad Hoc Committee, at its meetings during the sessions of the Commission, shall undertake an analysis of the population situation in the region. In addition, having considered the practice of the Commission on Population and Development of the United Nations to deal with a specific substantive issue at each meeting, in resolution 577(XXVIII) of the Commission it was decided that the Ad Hoc Committee, at its next meeting, should examine the question of "Social vulnerability: population, households and communities",

and instructed the secretariat to prepare the necessary substantive documentation. Subsequently, at the meeting of the Presiding Officers (Santiago, Chile, December 2001), it was agreed to give special consideration to the sociodemographic dimensions of vulnerability at the level of communities, households and persons.

Consequently, the secretariat has made available to the Ad Hoc Committee a working document in which the different aspects and origins of sociodemographic vulnerability in the region are summarized, in the context of socioeconomic development and the trends and prospects for demographic dynamics in Latin America and the Caribbean.

5. Priority lines of action with regard to population and development in Latin America and the Caribbean

Working document:

- Report of the open-ended meeting of the Presiding Officers of the ECLAC sessional Ad Hoc Committee on Population and Development (LC/L.1703), Santiago, Chile, 4-5 December 2001

Reference documents:

- Proposal on indicators for follow-up to the goals of the International Conference on Population and development in Latin America and the Caribbean (Población y desarrollo series, No. 26 (LC/L.1705-P))
- Mechanisms of follow-up to the Programme of Action on Population and Development in the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean (Población y desarrollo series, No. 15 (LC/L.1567-P))

As agreed at both the meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee in Mexico (May 2000) and the open-ended meeting of the Presiding Officers (Santiago, Chile, 4-5 December 2001), special attention should be given to the priority areas of action for the future —at the national and regional levels as well as within the competence of the Ad Hoc Committee— in order to continue implementation of the Latin American and Caribbean Regional Plan of Action on Population and Development, in the framework of the Programme of Action approved at the International Conference on Population and Development, and in accordance with the key measures defined in the Report of the Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole of the Twenty-first Special Session of the General Assembly (30 June-2 July 1999).

In that context it is appropriate to consider the progress made since May 2000 and the activities planned for the period 2002-2003 in relation to the priority issues defined at the meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee in Mexico (May 2000) and at the open-ended meeting of the Presiding Officers (Santiago, Chile, 4-5 December 2001):

- Regional system of indicators for follow-up to the commitments made at the world summits held in the 1990s, and especially at the International Conference on Population and Development (Cairo, 1994)
- Population ageing in Latin America and the Caribbean

- Human resources development in the area of population issues in Latin America and the Caribbean
- Other priority lines of action (2000 censuses, the demographic situation, international migration, spatial distribution of the population and internal migration)

Representatives of the countries were also invited to provide information on the activities completed and scheduled with a view to ensuring adequate implementation and follow-up of the key measures for continuing implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development.

6. Other matters

This item covers any other issues which delegations may deem appropriate for discussion.

7. Adoption of the report of the Committee

The report of the meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee on Population and Development will be adopted under the ECLAC rules of procedure and will contain considerations and recommendations which the Committee deems appropriate for following up and implementing the Latin American and Caribbean Regional Plan of Action on Population and Development, as well as guiding the activities of the secretariat in that field. These considerations and recommendations will be submitted to the Commission for adoption at the plenary meeting.