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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 chair, two or more vice-chairs and a rapporteur. It is suggested that the composition of this group of presiding officers should be discussed at the meeting of heads of delegation to be held on 20 March 2006 prior to the inaugural session of the Ad Hoc Committee. 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 relating 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 coordination, follow-up and review, and are provided with support in these tasks by the ECLAC secretariat, which also acts as the Committee’s secretariat.

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 Chair 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 and ECLAC resolutions 536(XXV), 556(XXVI) and 577(XXVIII).

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

Reference document:

- Report of the ECLAC sessional Ad Hoc Committee on Population and Development and resolution 604(XXX) (DDR/1) ¹

The Chair of the Presiding Officers of the ECLAC sessional Ad Hoc Committee on Population and Development will provide a general report on the implementation of the Latin American and Caribbean Regional Plan of Action on Population and Development, the execution of the Programme of Action adopted at the International Conference on Population and Development (Cairo, 1994) and the activities carried out by the Presiding Officers during the period between June 2004 and March 2006.

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 between June 2004 and March 2006 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 activities completed and planned by the Fund in the region within the framework of the Programme of Action adopted at the International Conference on Population and

¹ Offprint of Biennial Report (11 May 2002-6 June 2004) (LC/G.2281-P).

Development, key measures for continued follow-up to this Programme of Action and the recommendations resulting from the ten-year review process.

4. International migration, human rights and development

Working document:

- International migration, human rights and development: summary and conclusions (LC/G.2303(SES.31/11))

Reference documents:

- Cuatro temas centrales en torno a migración internacional, derechos humanos y desarrollo (LC/L.2490)
- *Report on the Expert Group Meeting on Migration, Human Rights and Development in the Caribbean* (LC/CAR/L.57)
- Lógica y paradoja: libre comercio, migración limitada. Memorias del Taller sobre migración internacional y procesos de integración y cooperación regional, *Seminarios y conferencias series*, No. 45 (LC/L.2272-P) (Spanish only)
- Mujeres migrantes de América Latina y el Caribe: derechos humanos, mitos y duras realidades, *Población y desarrollo series*, No. 61 (LC/L.2426-P) (Spanish only)

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 is to undertake an analysis of the population situation in the region when it meets during sessions of the Commission. In addition, in view of the practice of the Commission on Population and Development of the United Nations of dealing with a specific substantive issue at each meeting, it was decided, as set forth in ECLAC resolution 604(XXX), that the Ad Hoc Committee should examine the question of “International migration, human rights and development” at its next meeting, and the secretariat was instructed to prepare the necessary substantive documentation.

In compliance with this request, the ECLAC secretariat has prepared a document in which it continues to provide guidelines to the Governments of the region for addressing the most significant challenges and opportunities for development posed by migration with a cross-cutting look at the question of the human rights of migrants and their families. This study focuses, first of all, on the current context in which migratory movements have been taking place. Emphasis is placed on the forces of globalization and the emergence of transnationalism, on the way these trends affect the countries of the region and on the initiatives for governance of migration. Next, the study describes migration, trends and patterns highlighting stylized facts, and specificities by country of destination and subregion of origin.

The problems and potential associated with international migration in Latin America and the Caribbean are examined in three areas: remittances, migration and gender and skilled migration. Each one of them represents a source of concerns and opportunities for development. Next, the document looks at the ways in which migration and human rights intersect, highlighting the problems of vulnerability and the need to protect migrants as well as the active role that countries can play in this respect, not just at the national level but especially in the numerous forums that exist and, in particular, within the Organization

of American States. The authors also underscore the role that civil society organizations can play. Lastly, proposals are put forward for a migration agenda that considers the specific characteristics of the region and considers protection of the human rights of migrants as the guiding principle in this area. Emphasis is placed on the need to promote and strengthen multilateral cooperation as a legitimate way of ensuring that international migration contributes to the development of the Latin American and Caribbean countries.

5. Regional Strategy for the Implementation in Latin America and the Caribbean of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing (Madrid, 2002)

Reference documents:

- Report of the ECLAC sessional Ad Hoc Committee on Population and Development and resolution 604(XXX) (DDR/1)
- Report of the Regional Intergovernmental Conference on Ageing: Towards a Regional Strategy for the Implementation in Latin America and the Caribbean of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing (LC/L.2079)

At the meeting of the ECLAC sessional Ad Hoc Committee on Population and Development held during the thirtieth session of ECLAC in San Juan, Puerto Rico, in 2004, the ECLAC secretariat presented the document “Population, Ageing and Development” and submitted a brief report on the outcome of the Regional Intergovernmental Conference on Ageing held in Santiago, Chile, in November 2003, at which the Regional Strategy for the Implementation in Latin America and the Caribbean of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing was adopted.

In ECLAC resolution 604(XXX) of 2004, the Commission welcomed the Regional Strategy for the Implementation in Latin America and the Caribbean of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing and adopted the recommendation that the ECLAC sessional Ad Hoc Committee on Population and Development should take charge of monitoring the Strategy’s implementation in the region.

By virtue of its resolution 42/1 of February 2004, entitled “Modalities for the review and appraisal of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002”, the Commission for Social Development decided to undertake the review and appraisal of the Madrid Plan of Action every five years, with the first review due to take place in 2007. In resolution 59/150, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to present his proposals for conducting the review and appraisal exercise at the regional and global levels to the Commission for Social Development at its forty-fourth session, scheduled to be held from 8 to 17 February 2006.

At the meeting of the ECLAC sessional Ad Hoc Committee on Population and Development, the ECLAC secretariat will present the modalities for the review and appraisal of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002, as approved at the forty-fourth session of the Commission for Social Development, and, in this context, the ECLAC member countries will be called upon to define the mechanisms and activities to be developed in the region in connection with the first review meeting.

6. Presentation of national activities relating to the follow-up of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development and the implementation of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing

Under this agenda item, member countries are expected to report on the advances made and actions planned in these areas. Owing to time constraints, it is suggested that they make very brief presentations on the most important activities that have been carried out in their countries and that they present more detailed written reports for distribution.

7. Other matters

This item provides for the consideration of any other issues which delegations may wish to raise.

8. Conclusions

The report on the meeting of the ECLAC sessional Ad Hoc Committee on Population and Development will be adopted in accordance with ECLAC rules of procedure and will present considerations and recommendations which the Committee considers relevant for the follow-up and implementation of the Latin American and Caribbean Regional Plan of Action on Population and Development as well as for guiding the activities of the secretariat in that field. These considerations and recommendations will be submitted to the Commission for its approval at the plenary meeting.