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**REPORT OF THE FIRST MEETING OF THE PRESIDING OFFICERS  
OF THE COMMITTEE ON SOUTH-SOUTH COOPERATION**

Lima, 27 November 2012

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## A. ATTENDANCE AND ORGANIZATION OF WORK

### Place and date of meeting

1. The first meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Committee on South-South Cooperation of Latin America and the Caribbean was held in Lima on 27 November 2012.

### Attendance

2. The meeting was attended by representatives of the following countries, which had been appointed to serve as Presiding Officers: Brazil, Chile, Cuba, El Salvador, Peru and Uruguay.

### Chair and Rapporteur

3. The countries listed below had been elected at the thirty-fourth session of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), held in San Salvador in August 2012, to serve as Presiding Officers of the Committee:

Chair: El Salvador

Vice-Chairs: Barbados  
Brazil  
Chile  
Cuba  
Peru

Rapporteur: Uruguay

## B. AGENDA

4. The Presiding Officers adopted the following agenda:

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Follow-up to resolution 675(XXXIV), adopted at the thirty-fourth session of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)
3. Adoption of agreements
4. Other matters

### C. SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS

5. The Ambassador of El Salvador to Peru read out the message from the Deputy Minister for Cooperation for Development in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of El Salvador.

6. After welcoming participants, the Director-General for Cooperation of El Salvador, in her capacity as Chair of the Presiding Officers of the Committee on South-South Cooperation of ECLAC, presented the provisional agenda for consideration by the participants. The document was adopted without change as the agenda of the meeting.

Follow-up to resolution 675(XXXIV), adopted at the thirty-fourth session of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) (agenda item 2)

7. The Chair recalled the terms of paragraph 2 of the above-mentioned resolution, which reads as follows:

“*Welcomes* the document presented by the Commission entitled *Middle-income countries: A structural-gap approach. Note by the secretariat*, and, in the framework of the recommendations set forth therein, requests the Office of the Executive Secretary to support the countries in the preparation of their own studies, facilitate their dissemination across the international community and promote a specific debate at the regional intergovernmental level to enrich the conclusions of the document”. She then invited the secretariat of the Commission to report on the matter.

8. The ECLAC representative reported that to date no official request had been received from any of the countries for calculating structural gaps within their countries, but that a few delegations had indicated an interest in the matter. As regards dissemination of the study, he recalled that the document *Middle-income countries: A structural-gap approach* would be presented on 28 November 2012 at the seminar entitled “Graduation in the new context of international cooperation for global development”, which was being organized by the Peruvian Agency for International Cooperation (ACPI).

9. Several delegations expressed approval for the ECLAC proposal and reiterated their interest in receiving support from the Commission for conducting their own national study. The representative of El Salvador announced that her country would be presenting an official request for ECLAC to undertake the relevant calculation.

10. The Chair of the Presiding Officers urged ECLAC to promote resolution 675(XXXIV), in order to ensure that all the countries of the region were aware of its contents and would be able to request the preparation of national studies on structural gaps. The ECLAC representative indicated that he would be sending out official memoranda to member countries of the Committee on South-South Cooperation referring to the first meeting of the Presiding Officers and stating that the Commission would be willing to send technical missions to countries that request it with a view to agreeing on the methodology, duration and cost of the pilot studies.

11. The Chair then read out paragraph 3 of resolution 675(XXXIV):

“*Reaffirms* the validity of resolution 647(XXXIII) of 2010 and requests the Executive Secretary to:

Prepare, as soon as possible, a set of indicators for measuring the economic and social impact of South-South cooperation in the region, for analysis and consideration by the member countries, without prejudice to the qualities typical of this form of cooperation for development, and bearing in mind the progress achieved under the Ibero-American Programme to Strengthen South-South Cooperation of the Ibero-American Secretariat;

Continue to promote and facilitate capacity-building in the institutions responsible for international cooperation, in light of the requirements and needs of the member countries, with special emphasis on generating disaggregated quantitative information with a gender perspective (statistics and information systems) and particular reference to age groups (children, adolescents, young people and older persons), people living in and vulnerable to poverty, the differently abled, persons belonging to Afro-descendent peoples of Latin America or to ethnic groups, and other relevant variables, for inclusion in cooperation instruments and mechanisms, as tools for measuring the economic and social impact of international cooperation in formulating public policies for development”.

12. The delegations attending the meeting were then invited to take the floor.

13. The representative of Uruguay reflected on the need for a more realistic approach to the objective of measuring the economic and social impact of South-South cooperation. He suggested assessing the economic value of the cooperation activities undertaken in Latin America and the Caribbean over a period of one year on the basis of the data contained in the *Report on South-South Cooperation in Ibero-America 2012*, prepared by the Ibero-American Secretariat (SEGIB). Several delegations endorsed that proposal, stressing the need to target activities in the countries of Latin America along with the list of those registered with the Caribbean Community (CARICOM), so as to encompass the whole region.

14. As regards capacity-building in institutions responsible for international cooperation, with special emphasis on generating quantitative information, the ECLAC representative proposed that the issue should be discussed at the next meeting of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean.

15. The representative of El Salvador, in her capacity as Chair of the Presiding Officers, recapitulated the main points of the discussion and concluded that the requirement at that stage was not to measure the economic and social impact. The request to the Executive Secretary was for an estimate of the overall amount of resources mobilized and an assessment of the outcome or impact of South-South cooperation in selected countries of Latin America and the Caribbean.

16. Paragraph 4 of resolution 675(XXXIV) was read out and is quoted below:

“*Requests* the Chair of the Committee, together with the Presiding Officers and the Office of the Executive Secretary, to prepare a proposal for coordinating efforts with the various entities that currently deal with this issue in Latin America and the Caribbean, in order to generate synergies and complementarities and avoid duplication of efforts, and to incorporate in the Committee’s work agenda the schedule of the different forums and cooperation events to be held in the second half of 2012 as well as a general coordination meeting to take place during the first half of 2013”. The representative of El Salvador offered to consult the various agencies and cooperation mechanisms included on her agenda for 2013 and, following that, to agree with countries on the prospective road map.

17. Paragraph 5 of the resolution was then read out and is reproduced below:

“Also requests the Chair of the Committee, in conjunction with the Presiding Officers and the Office of the Executive Secretary, to prepare a draft road map for promoting measures in support of the economic, political and physical autonomy of women in accordance with the provisions of the Quito Consensus and also including the social dimension and the effort to combat all forms of discrimination, bearing in mind the special characteristics and potential of South-South cooperation”.

18. It was suggested that, as indicated in the Quito Consensus, which was adopted in 2010 at the Tenth Session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean, cooperation activities with a gender perspective should be incorporated in the *Report on South-South Cooperation in Ibero-America 2012*. The ECLAC representative assured participants that, in conjunction with the Division for Gender Affairs and as part of preparations for the twelfth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean, steps would be taken to identify opportunities for South-South cooperation and to provide support for any such efforts.

19. With respect to paragraph 6, in which the Commission: “Asks the Executive Secretary to report on the fulfilment of this South-South resolution at the meeting of the South-South Committee which will be held in the framework of the thirty-fifth session of the Commission”, it was agreed that the next meeting would be held in San Salvador or at ECLAC headquarters in Santiago during the first four months of 2013.

#### **D. AGREEMENTS ADOPTED**

20. At their meeting in Lima on 27 November 2012, the Presiding Officers of the Committee on South-South Cooperation adopted the following agreements:

1. *To request* the secretariat of the Commission to send to the member countries of the Committee on South-South Cooperation a letter including a copy of its resolution 675(XXXIV), adopted at its thirty-fourth session, and reiterating the Commission’s willingness to conduct national studies on structural gaps in those countries that may require it;
2. *To request* the secretariat to prepare a report including a time, cost and methodological analysis of measurement of structural gaps for presentation at the next meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Committee on South-South Cooperation;
3. *To request* the secretariat to present at the next meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Committee on South-South Cooperation a proposal for a general quantitative and qualitative assessment of South South-cooperation, based on the activities listed in the Ibero-American Secretariat’s *Report on South-South Cooperation in Ibero-America 2012*, encompassing the Latin American countries and including data on the Caribbean, the outcome of which should be an indication of the economic value of all the activities reported on in the above-mentioned document; to note that Uruguay will take the initiative of resuming discussion on the generation of statistics under the Ibero-American Programme to Strengthen South-South cooperation;
4. *To request* the Government of Uruguay to prepare and distribute by the end of the year a schedule of international activities for 2013 including provision for discussions on South-South cooperation within the framework of Ibero-American activities;

5. *To request* the Government of Chile, in its capacity as Chair pro tempore of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC) and with support from the Government of Cuba (in its capacity as the incoming Chair pro tempore), to send notes-verbales to Latin American and Caribbean regional and subregional integration mechanisms and organizations,<sup>1</sup> as well as to the organizations within the United Nations system, inviting them to advise the Commission of the activities or meetings on South-South cooperation scheduled for 2013; to ask the Commission to incorporate the information sent in by the countries in a calendar that can be used as a tool for coordinating the participation of those responsible for cooperation in these forums;
6. *To request* the Government of Uruguay, with support from the other countries, to promote inclusion of a chapter on gender within the *Report on South-South Cooperation in Ibero-America 2012* within the Ibero-American Programme to Strengthen South-South Cooperation;
7. *To request* the Commission to report to the next meeting of the Presiding Officers on the advances in implementing paragraph 5 of resolution 675(XXXIV) on South-South cooperation within the context of the Quito Consensus;
8. *To hold* the next meeting of the Presiding Officers during the first half of 2013 at a place and on a date to be decided.

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<sup>1</sup> The following list of institutions has been compiled in accordance with a decision by CELAC: The Latin American Integration Association (LAIA), Association of Caribbean States (ACS), Bolivarian Alliance for the Peoples of Our America (ALBA), Pacific Alliance, Andean Community (CAN), Caribbean Community (CARICOM), Southern Common Market (MERCOSUR), Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS), Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization (ACTO), Central American Integration System (SICA), Union of South American Nations (UNASUR), Development Bank of Latin America of the Andean Development Corporation (CAF), Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), Latin American Faculty of Social Sciences (FLACSO), Latin American Energy Organization (OLADE), Latin American Economic System (SELA) and Meso-American Integration and Development Project (Meso-America Project).





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