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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-eighth session (LC/G.2070(SES.28/2)), it is suggested that the composition of this group of Presiding Officers and of the officers of other committees be discussed at the meeting of heads of delegation to be held on 3 April 2000. 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 the Latin American and Caribbean Regional Plan of Action on Population and Development (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 coordination, follow-up and review, and are provided with support in these tasks by the ECLAC secretariat, which also acts as its 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, ECLAC resolutions 536(XXV), 556(XXVI) and 572(XXVII), and the resolution approved at the open-ended meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Ad Hoc Committee held in Santiago, Chile, on 14 and 15 December 1998.

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

Working documents

- ?? Report of the open-ended meeting of the Presiding Officers of the ECLAC sessional Ad Hoc Committee on Population and Development, December 1998 (LC/DEM/G.185)
- ?? Latin America and the Caribbean: review and appraisal of the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development, March 1999 (LC/DEM/G.184)

Reference documents

- ?? 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 American and Caribbean Consensus on Population and Development (adopted at the Latin American and Caribbean Regional Conference on Population and Development held in Mexico City from 29 April to 4 May 1993)
- ?? Latin American and Caribbean Regional Plan of Action on Population and Development (LC/DEM/G.159)
- ?? Second report on the follow-up to the Latin American and Caribbean Regional Plan of Action on Population and Development. Note by the secretariat (LC/G.2005(SES.27/19))
- ?? Follow-up report on the Latin American and Caribbean Regional Plan of Action on Population and Development (LC/G.1905(SES.26/10))

The Chairperson of the Presiding Officers of the Ad Hoc Committee 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 regional exercise carried out after the twenty-seventh session (Aruba, 1998) to examine the situation and action taken in Latin America and the Caribbean to further the implementation of the recommendations contained in the Programme of Action formulated at the International Conference on Population and Development as part of the review process, known as ICPD+5, undertaken five years after that Conference was held.

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 1998 and April 2000 and on priority areas of work for CELADE in the coming months.

The Director of the Latin American and Caribbean Division of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) will provide information 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).

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-seventh session (resolution 572(XXVII)), 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. Population, youth and development

Working document:

- ?? Youth, population and development in Latin America and the Caribbean. Summary and conclusions. (LC/G.2084(SES.28/16))

Reference documents:

- ?? Report of the open-ended meeting of the Presiding Officers of the ECLAC sessional Ad Hoc Committee, December 1998 (LC/DEM/G.185)
- ?? Latin America and Caribbean Consensus on Population and Development (adopted at the Latin American and Caribbean Regional Conference on Population and Development, held in Mexico City from 29 April to 4 May 1993)

- ?? Latin American and Caribbean Regional Plan of Action on Population and Development (LC/DEM/G.159)
- ?? Programme of Action adopted at the International Conference on Population and Development (Cairo, 5-13 September 1994) (ST/ESA/SER.A/149)
- ?? Juventud, población y desarrollo en América Latina y el Caribe (LC/L.1339)

In accordance with the terms of paragraph 78 of the Regional Plan of Action and pursuant to ECLAC resolution 536(XXV), the Ad Hoc Committee is responsible for analysing the status of the population in the region at its meetings held during sessions of the Commission. In addition, taking into account the fact that the Commission on Population and Development of the United Nations deals with a specific substantive issue at each meeting, it was decided in ECLAC resolution 572(XXVII) that, at its next meeting, the Ad Hoc Committee would consider the issue of population, youth and development. The secretariat was instructed to prepare the necessary substantive documentation.

The secretariat is therefore providing to the Ad Hoc Committee a document exploring the various dimensions of the status of young people in Latin American and Caribbean society as viewed within the context of social and economic development and of trends in population dynamics in the region and the future outlook in that regard.

5. System of indicators for assessing the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development (Cairo, 1994)

Working document:

- ?? Report of the open-ended meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Ad Hoc Committee, December 1998 (LC/DEM/G.185)

Reference documents:

- ?? A system of indicators for assessing the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development. Note by the secretariat (LC/L.1340)
- ?? Report of the Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole of the Twenty-first Special Session of the General Assembly, July 1999 (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, January 1999 (LC/DEM/G.184)
- ?? Latin American and Caribbean Regional Plan of Action on Population and Development (LC/DEM/G.159)

- ?? Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development (Cairo, 5-13 September 1994) (ST/ESA/SER.A.149)

In order for the ECLAC sessional Ad Hoc Committee on Population and Development to be able to perform its assigned task of monitoring the implementation of the Regional Plan of Action and the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development, together with the key actions for the further implementation of the Programme of Action which were identified at the special session of the General Assembly (ICPD+5), as noted in the resolution adopted at the open-ended meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Ad Hoc Committee in December 1998, systems are needed that can provide information on the progress made in implementing the agreements reached in international forums; in order to set up such systems, specific indicators, selected by agreement among the countries, will need to be used.

To this end, a note by the secretariat has been prepared as a reference document which will be made available to the delegations on the ECLAC/CELADE Web page prior to the meeting. This document will summarize the various proposals that have been made to date regarding such indicators and will present another proposal concerning a set of basic indicators for Latin America together with a discussion of their availability, quality, geographic representativity, periodicity and other aspects. It will also include a discussion designed to provide a frame of reference for the debate regarding the possibility of expanding the range of indicators in order to achieve greater social relevance and specificity and thus address the needs and particular capabilities of each country.

6. Priority lines of action for the future

- (i) National activities;
- (ii) Activities of the Ad Hoc Committee on Population and Development;
- (iii) Activities of the secretariat.

Working documents:

- ?? Report of the open-ended meeting of the Presiding Officers of the ECLAC sessional Ad Hoc Committee on Population and Development, December 1998 (LC/DEM/G.185)
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This meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee will provide an opportunity to re-examine the priority lines of action for the future —at both the national and regional levels in areas within the purview of the Ad Hoc Committee— in carrying forward the implementation of the Latin American and Caribbean Regional Plan of Action on Population and Development within the framework of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development and in line with the key actions 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).

The countries are invited to provide information on activities they have completed and those that they have planned to ensure satisfactory execution and follow-up of the key actions identified for the further implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development.

7. Other matters

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

8. Adoption of the report of the ECLAC sessional Ad Hoc Committee on Population and Development

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 Regional Plan of Action and guiding the activities of the secretariat in the field of population and development. These considerations and recommendations will be submitted to the Commission for adoption at the plenary meeting.