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**REPORT OF THE FIFTY-FIRST MEETING OF THE PRESIDING OFFICERS
OF THE REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON WOMEN
IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN**

Santiago, 17-19 November 2014

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A. ATTENDANCE AND ORGANIZATION OF WORK

Place and date of the meeting

1. The Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean held their fifty-first meeting from 17 to 19 November 2014 in Santiago.

Attendance¹

2. The meeting was attended by representatives of the following member countries in their capacity as Presiding Officers: Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Costa Rica, Cuba, the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Puerto Rico, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname and Uruguay.

3. Also attending were representatives of the following member countries of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC): the Bahamas, Colombia, Ecuador, France, Germany, Grenada, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Japan, the Plurinational State of Bolivia and Spain.

4. The representatives of Norway, in a consultative capacity, and Curaçao, as an associate member of the Commission, were also present.

5. The meeting was also attended by representatives of the following United Nations agencies, funds and programmes: United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women), United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

6. Also attending were representatives of the following specialized agencies: Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and Pan American Health Organization (PAHO).

7. Also present at the meeting were representatives of the following intergovernmental organizations: Caribbean Development Bank (CDB), Development Bank of Latin America (CAF), European Commission, Latin American Faculty of Social Sciences (FLACSO), EU-LAC Foundation, Central American Integration System (SICA) and International Organization for Migration (IOM).

8. Representatives of non-governmental organizations and special guests also attended.

¹ See annex 1.

Chair and Vice-Chairs

9. The composition of the Presiding Officers elected at the twelfth session of the Regional Conference on Women was as follows:

<u>Chair:</u>	Dominican Republic
<u>Vice-Chairs:</u>	Antigua and Barbuda Argentina Brazil Chile Costa Rica Cuba El Salvador Jamaica Mexico Panama Paraguay Peru Puerto Rico Saint Vincent and the Grenadines Suriname Uruguay

B. AGENDA

10. The Presiding Officers adopted the following agenda:

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Report by the secretariat on the activities conducted since the fiftieth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean.
3. Report on the outcomes of the first session of the Conference on Science, Innovation and Information and Communications Technologies of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean; the thirteenth meeting of the Executive Committee of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC; the meeting on the challenges of monitoring and accountability for the post-2015 development agenda in Latin America and the Caribbean, in the framework of the twenty-ninth session of the Committee of the Whole of ECLAC; the fourth meeting of the focal points appointed by the Governments of the signatory countries of the Declaration on the application of Principle 10 of the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean; the preparatory meeting for the fifth Ministerial Conference on the Information Society in Latin America and the Caribbean; the Global Forum on Gender Statistics; the fifteenth International Meeting on Gender Statistics, and the first meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean.

4. Strategy of the Presiding Officers for the implementation of the Santo Domingo Consensus: analysis of activities carried out during the first year.
5. Preparations for the thirteenth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean.
6. Presentation of the 2013-2014 report of the Gender Equality Observatory for Latin America and the Caribbean.
7. Special session on Beijing+20 in Latin America and the Caribbean.
8. Other matters.
9. Adoption of agreements.

C. SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS

Opening session

11. At the opening session, statements were made by Alicia Bárcena, Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) and Alejandrina Germán, Minister for Women's Affairs of the Dominican Republic, in her capacity as Chair of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean.

12. The Executive Secretary of ECLAC said that the participation of 26 of the region's countries showed the importance of the meeting of Presiding Officers as a regional space for dialogue, exchange and the generation of agreements on gender equality. In her view, social policies should not be sacrificed as part of budget adjustment processes in the context of the region's economic slowdown. She recalled the progress achieved on the path to gender equality, as expressed in the Quito Consensus, the Brasilia Consensus and the Santo Domingo Consensus, and affirmed that there should be no let-up or retreat. Despite this progress, much remained to be done and covenants were required between the State, the market and society that would transform this progress into specific legislation, programmes and mechanisms. The Executive Secretary then acknowledged the contribution made by the region's civil society to building gender equality, developing institutions and formulating and implementing public policies on equality. Lastly, she said that the various thematic agendas needed to be coordinated to ensure that the gender perspective would be mainstreamed throughout the post-2015 development agenda.

13. The Minister for Women's Affairs of the Dominican Republic asserted that the meeting of the Presiding Officers would enhance the visibility of women's contribution in the region. She recalled that it was one year since the adoption of the Santo Domingo Consensus, in which commitments by States in the last 20 years had been ratified, in order to help achieve genuine equality. She also highlighted the opportunity to strengthen the voice of the Latin American and Caribbean region ahead of the fifty-ninth session of the Commission on the Status of Women. In her view, there was a need to establish a comprehensive and solid connection between the various subsidiary bodies of ECLAC, and especially with the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean, in order to strengthen the synergies that would position gender equality on the post-2015 development

agenda. Lastly, she advocated the inclusion of the gender perspective in all the sustainable development goals (SDGs) and not only those devoted to women in particular.

Adoption of the agenda (agenda item 1)

14. The Chair submitted the provisional agenda (LC/L.3878(MDM.51/1)Rev.1) for consideration by the participants, who adopted it without amendment.

Report by the secretariat on the activities conducted since the fiftieth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean (agenda item 2)

15. The Chief of the Division for Gender Affairs of ECLAC reported on the activities conducted at regional level since the fiftieth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference, held in Santiago in May 2014. She gave an account of the work carried out for the convergence of the Regional Conference on Women with other intergovernmental bodies of ECLAC, especially the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean. She also stressed that the books that were being distributed at the meeting were a reflection of the Commission's work and its efforts to mainstream the gender perspective in the economic and technological spheres.

16. She then reported on the 2013-2014 Annual Report of the Gender Equality Observatory for Latin America and the Caribbean, which on this occasion addressed violence against women through the monitoring of statistical data on gender violence. She expressed her hope that the report would be used to support the advocacy work being done by the countries. The Division for Gender Affairs of ECLAC would continue its efforts in distance training, which had been warmly welcomed and positively appraised by participants and country representatives. She also remarked that the Division was carrying out two projects: the first, supported by Government of Norway, on economic autonomy and the promotion of pacts for gender equality; and the second, funded by the United Nations Development Account and aligned with the post-2015 development agenda, on care systems in large cities, in consultation with UN-Habitat and UN-Women. The Chief of the Division for Gender Affairs praised the quality of the national-level reviews of Beijing+20 and indicated that the identified achievements and challenges represented a call to continue work on gender equality. She concluded by stating that public policies and the participation of civil society and the feminist and women's movement were essential to progress.

Report on the outcomes of the first session of the Conference on Science, Innovation and Information and Communications Technologies of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean; the thirteenth meeting of the Executive Committee of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC; the meeting on the challenges of monitoring and accountability for the post-2015 development agenda in Latin America and the Caribbean, in the framework of the twenty-ninth session of the Committee of the Whole of ECLAC; the fourth meeting of the focal points appointed by the Governments of the signatory countries of the Declaration on the application of Principle 10 of the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean; the preparatory meeting for the fifth Ministerial Conference on the Information Society in Latin America and the Caribbean; the Global Forum on Gender Statistics; the fifteenth International Meeting on Gender Statistics, and the first meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean (agenda item 3)

17. The representative of Chile reported on the first session of the Conference on Science, Innovation and Information and Communications Technologies of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, which had taken place in Santiago. In that regard, she stated that science, technology and

innovation were crucial for tackling the challenges of structural change, inclusive development, social equality and environmental sustainability in the region. Notable agreements had been reached to promote policies that considered these regional challenges, to foster dialogue and coordination with other forums, and to work together so that the themes of the Conference would be included in the post-2015 development agenda with the necessary resources and the establishment of a regulatory framework. The Conference had also endorsed the agreements set forth in the Santo Domingo Consensus on the participation of women in science and technology and the elimination of the gender digital divide. Lastly, four lines of action had been established: (i) regional cooperation for training; (ii) opportunities for collaboration on innovation and technology; (iii) promotion of specific areas of cooperation; and (iv) institution-building for regional cooperation.

18. The representative of Ecuador reported on the thirteenth meeting of the Executive Committee of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC, whose outcome document contained five agreements on gender statistics. These referred, *inter alia*, to support for the efforts of countries regarding the economic valuation of unpaid work for calculating the satellite account of unpaid household work; a call for the countries to work actively to improve their surveys and the economic valuation of time use as an output of coordinated work between the statistical institutes, central banks responsible for producing national accounts and machineries for the advancement of women; and a recommendation to further the analysis and dissemination of the information gathered in time-use surveys.²

19. The representative of the Dominican Republic referred to the meeting on the challenges of monitoring and accountability for the post-2015 development agenda in Latin America and the Caribbean, in the framework of the twenty-ninth session of the Committee of the Whole of ECLAC. She stated that the meeting had examined how to ensure that the sustainable development goals were monitored at regional and national level, with accountability mechanisms in place to make sure of compliance. The representative also expressed her appreciation for the subsidiary bodies of ECLAC, since these were accountability mechanisms for the region, and acknowledged the role of regional integration mechanisms.

20. The representative of Peru remarked that, at the fourth meeting of the focal points appointed by the Governments of the signatory countries of the Declaration on the application of Principle 10 of the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean, the countries had signed the Santiago Decision, thereby commencing negotiations on the regional instrument on rights of access to information, participation and justice in environmental matters. A negotiating committee had been established, with the participation of civil society and non-signatory countries as observers. The countries had been invited to make contributions not later than December 2014. She also noted that, despite the progress achieved in many of the region's countries in the last twenty years, legislation to facilitate the implementation of Principle 10 of the Rio Declaration had not yet been developed or had encountered difficulties in its implementation. As such, specific measures should be taken to strengthen the capacities of people who had been underrepresented, such as women, indigenous peoples and communities, and vulnerable groups.

21. The representative of Costa Rica then reported on the preparatory meeting for the fifth Ministerial Conference on the Information Society in Latin America and the Caribbean, which took place in Costa Rica with a view to discussing the eLAC 2018 digital agenda proposal. It was agreed to include a cross-cutting gender and equality goal in the regional science and technology agenda.

² See agreements adopted at the thirteenth meeting of the Executive Committee of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean [online] <http://www.cepal.org/deype/noticias/noticias/4/53134/LCL3936i.pdf>.

22. The representative of Mexico presented a summary of the proceedings of the Global Forum on Gender Statistics and the fifteenth International Meeting on Gender Statistics. The Global Forum had emphasized the importance of improving gender statistics by means of international coordination, measuring violence against women and girls, and producing statistics on time use and the issue of care. The representative stated that the Global Forum was a tool for improving global gender statistics and for enhancing the utilization of public policy information. Lastly, she referred to the Data 2X project, the purpose of which was to improve the capture of gender data for use in the post-2015 development agenda. As regards the fifteenth International Meeting on Gender Statistics, the representative recalled that the participants had repeatedly stressed that the design of the post-2015 development agenda must avoid the mistakes, in respect of the gender perspective, that had been made in the design of the Millennium Development Goals. She also underscored that coordinated work was crucial, and expressed the need for stronger ties between national statistical offices and machineries for the advancement of women.

23. Lastly, the representative of Uruguay reported on the first meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean, at which the participants had reaffirmed the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development and noted the challenge of implementing its agreements at the local level, transmitting the lessons learned in each country and their successful experiences in order to generate mechanisms for regional integration and dissemination, and, at the global level, positioning the region as a platform for South-South cooperation, recognizing that it was at the vanguard of the population and development agenda, especially in respect of sexual and reproductive rights. It was also agreed to encourage information-sharing and communication between the presiding officers of the subsidiary bodies of ECLAC in order to achieve synergies and encourage the positioning of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development and the Santo Domingo Consensus.

Strategy of the Presiding Officers for the implementation of the Santo Domingo Consensus: analysis of activities carried out during the first year (agenda item 4)

24. The Minister for Women's Affairs of the Dominican Republic, in her capacity as Chair of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean, asked the Chief of the Division for Gender Affairs to update the content of the strategy designed by the Dominican Republic—which the countries are familiar with and have commented on—to speed up the implementation of the Santo Domingo Consensus. Its core aspects were integration, complementarity and the emphasis placed on implementation, an issue that had also been addressed by the other subsidiary bodies of ECLAC, as expressed in agreement 19 of the first meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean. She also pointed out that it was important for machineries for the advancement of women to inform their foreign affairs ministries of the outcome of the meetings, so that regional agreements could be transferred to the global level. The Minister for Women's Affairs also reported that several activities had been proposed for 2015 in the framework of the fifty-second meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean, including a follow-up workshop on the implementation of the Santo Domingo Consensus, with the participation of national and subregional feminist and women's networks.

25. The floor was then opened for discussion. The representative of Puerto Rico expressed strong agreement with the strategy and with the emphasis on implementing the Santo Domingo Consensus, and thanked the Presiding Officers for their support in May 2014, when the Office of the Women's Advocate (the body responsible for gender affairs in Puerto Rico) had been at risk of closure. The representative of El Salvador stressed the importance of the progress made on gender equality in the region and in

building consensuses, and said that the region's feminist movement should be credited with some of these gains. The representative of Argentina described the Santo Domingo Consensus as a sign of regional progress and proposed the possibility of organizing an activity to be carried out on the same day in all the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean, to enhance the position of the Consensus throughout the region. Lastly, the representative of UN-Women highlighted the role of social movements in the local and regional spaces, and also expressed commitment to the implementation of the Consensuses and to the exchange of experience among the region's countries.

Preparations for the thirteenth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean (agenda item 5)

26. The Director of the National Women's Institute of Uruguay (INMUJERES) referred to the work in progress looking ahead to the thirteenth Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean, which would be held in Uruguay in 2016, and highlighted the significant involvement of Caribbean countries. She said that machineries for the advancement of women attached great importance to civil society and the women's movement, as well as to the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean of ECLAC as a forum that enables them to prioritize and reflect on public policies and on how to tackle the root causes of inequality and discrimination. She underscored that economic, physical and decision-making autonomy was the finish line, which would be reached through growth for equality, while the common destination that would enable the elimination of inequality and discrimination in the region would be reached through equality for growth. Finally, she stated that international conferences and consensuses showed where gender equality policies should lead. In that sense, she emphasized the importance of coordinating the technical and political agendas of the conferences of ECLAC, and the need to incorporate targets and indicators capable of measuring the impact of policies on the lives of Latin American and Caribbean women.

27. The Chief of the Division for Gender Affairs of ECLAC said that the next Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean needed to take a strategic leap forward in its approach to development. In her view, the region had already made considerable progress, particularly in mainstreaming the gender perspective; however, there was a conceptual deficiency in economic policymaking and planning, which were generally lacking a gender perspective. She highlighted three development pillars associated with the post-2015 development agenda: establishing a new role for the State; disincentivizing gender neutrality in employment policies; and eliminating the concept of vulnerability from policies aimed at women. She stated that Uruguay, as the host of the thirteenth Regional Conference, would contribute a new vision that would integrate sustainable development and equality and usher in a new reality of profound and long-term structural change in the region. However, a clear idea of how ECLAC would support a participatory, long-lasting process for implementation in line with the post-2015 development agenda still needed to be articulated. Lastly, she said that the input and the support of ECLAC in relation to the digital agenda had made a contribution to regional development in that sphere.

28. In the subsequent debate, the representative of Uruguay said that the thirteenth Regional Conference would be an occasion for synthesis, at which rights would be situated in a development agenda that would also include women's issues and the gender perspective. The representative of the Plurinational State of Bolivia remarked that the region was at the forefront of equality issues and was up to date with the demands of the current situation. She also pointed out that the Government of the Plurinational State of Bolivia preferred to talk about equality in general, rather than merely gender equality. The representative of El Salvador referred to the weakness of the implementation process owing to budget shortfalls and the lack of a culture of equality. The representative of Brazil proposed that the countries engage in a reflection process

based on three points: (i) economic growth and development with gender equality; (ii) respect for the uniqueness of every woman; and (iii) the recognition that all consensuses should be coordinated with other agendas, such as those relating to population, sustainability, human rights, hunger and family agriculture, among others. The Chair of the Presiding Officers mentioned the efforts being undertaken by the region as part of the process of coordinating consensuses, said that a line of action should be followed in order to establish a clear diagnosis, and called for further discussion in order to build a collective proposal. Lastly, the representative of UN-Women agreed that it was important for the agendas to converge, and reiterated that her agency would lend support to the process.

Presentation of the 2013-2014 report of the Gender Equality Observatory for Latin America and the Caribbean (agenda item 6)

29. The coordinator of the Gender Equality Observatory for Latin America and the Caribbean presented the 2013-2014 report, which deals with violence against women; an indicator of physical autonomy and a subject addressed by the agreements of the Santo Domingo Consensus. The analysis presented in the report drew on information provided by machineries for the advancement of women in Latin America and the Caribbean, other official sources from the countries and the reports prepared for the follow-up mechanisms of the various Conferences. The document provided an overview of the international, regional and national normative framework in this area; evaluated the magnitude of the problem; described the actions taken by the region's States to guarantee access to rights and justice and efforts for the institutional coordination of public policies; and included proposals for tackling violence against women. Lastly, the report stated that physical autonomy and violence against women could not be studied independently of economic and decision-making autonomy.

30. In the subsequent debate, the representative of Brazil said that the Observatory made an essential contribution to the public policy work carried out by the countries, and that addressing violence meant changing the patriarchal perception that existed in societies, in other words, the culture of violence. The representative of Costa Rica referred to the relationship between economic autonomy and the control of women's bodies through violence, and stated that communities were the best place in which to tackle violence and work on prevention. She also raised the issue of preventing aggression among men and reconstructing masculinity. The representative of Guyana highlighted the progress and achievements made in combating violence against women in institutional and programme areas, and in raising awareness of protection mechanisms. Looking to the future, she insisted that horizontal mechanisms to eliminate violence should be included as part of efforts beyond 2015. The representatives of UNFPA and UN-Women congratulated the Observatory on its work and drew attention to the topic of teenage pregnancy and the need for further work on access to justice and the prevention of violence.

Special session on Beijing+20 in Latin America and the Caribbean (agenda item 7)

31. The special session on Beijing+20 in Latin America and the Caribbean was held to mark the twentieth anniversary of the Fourth World Conference on Women and the adoption of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action.

32. At the opening session statements were made by Alicia Bárcena, Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC); Alejandrina Germán, Minister for Women's Affairs of the Dominican Republic, in her capacity as Chair of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean; Gülden Türköz-Cosslett, Officer-in-Charge of the Policy and Programme Bureau of UN-Women, and Michelle Bachelet, President of the Republic of Chile.

33. The Executive Secretary of ECLAC said that major advances had been achieved in the sphere of gender equality since the adoption of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action in 1995, but that significant challenges remained and that Governments and civil society needed to combine forces to keep moving in the right direction. She stated that the situation of women had improved slowly but steadily over the past 20 years, although the results had varied widely between and within countries. Moreover, the path towards equality required profound structural changes and a shift in the power relations between men and women. The Executive Secretary also mentioned that information and communications technologies and climate change should also be included among the issues addressed under the gender equality framework. Finally, she said that it was impossible to envision development without equality for women, and as such it was essential to enhance women's economic autonomy and consolidate the progress achieved in physical and decision-making autonomy.

34. The Minister for Women's Affairs of the Dominican Republic, in her capacity as Chair of the Presiding Officers, recalled that the Fourth World Conference on Women, held in Beijing in 1995, had contributed new strategic and methodological concepts, such as empowerment and mainstreaming the gender perspective, to help spur progress towards genuine equality for women. She also stated that in recent decades the countries had implemented policies that had made a positive impact on the lives of women, but that weaknesses remained to be overcome. She concluded by remarking that the greatest challenge was to keep moving forward and to promote the integration of women's agendas in the sustainable development goals in order to achieve full equality between men and women.

35. The Officer-in-Charge of the Policy and Programme Bureau of UN-Women said that reviewing the Beijing Platform for Action represented an opportunity to guarantee that gender equality would be at the forefront of the post-2015 development agenda, with a specific goal on gender equality and the gender perspective firmly mainstreamed in all the sustainable development goals. She praised the active role of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean and its Presiding Officers, and congratulated it on the progressive vision set forth in the Santo Domingo Consensus and the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development, particularly the provisions relating to the guarantee of women's physical autonomy, health and sexual and reproductive rights. Lastly, she asked that urgent steps be taken to speed up the implementation of existing gender commitments, to reject agendas that impinge on women's rights, to support national mechanisms in favour of gender equality, and to strengthen civil society so that States are held accountable for meeting their gender equality commitments.

36. The President of the Republic of Chile remarked that while the situation of women had significantly improved in recent decades, and major progress had been achieved in the areas of health, education and poverty reduction, the desired changes had not taken place in other areas, such as gender violence. In this sense, she stated that combating gender violence presented the main challenge and was the basis for any gender equity policy. For further progress and to overcome existing inequalities, women all over the world required decisive, coordinated action by local and international institutions working in tandem. The President also emphasized that resolute action was needed so that gender equality would be accorded equal importance to economic development or integration as a dimension of globalization. It was essential that the whole of society understood that the gender equality was a prerequisite for achieving democracy and was not—as was incorrectly surmised—an unrelated factor. In conclusion, she stated that the 20-year anniversary of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action should be understood as a renewal of the commitment to dismantle the discriminatory barriers facing women, so that they might live in a world of equals.

Presentation of the report “Achievements and outlook 20 years after Beijing: looking to the future”

37. The document was introduced by Alicia Bárcena, Executive Secretary of ECLAC, in a presentation moderated by Alejandrina Germán, Minister for Women’s Affairs of the Dominican Republic, in her capacity as Chair of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean.

38. The Executive Secretary of ECLAC stated that the report had drawn information from 31 national reports and summarized the current status of efforts in relation to some of the critical issues outlined in Beijing Platform for Action. She highlighted that the output of ECLAC was focused on equality and that Latin America and the Caribbean, although not the poorest region, was the most unequal. The 20 years since Beijing had been notable for the concentration of wealth in the hands of a few. She stated that to review the aforementioned reports was to note the increasing coordination and connections between the 1990s agenda, especially that of Beijing, the consensus adopted at each Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean, and international commitments on development and human rights. Equal rights promoted a greater sense of belonging and a more inclusive society, which had led her to think about the significant progress that the region had achieved, and that while advances had been made in reducing poverty (albeit without any major changes in production structures), there were warning signs over inequalities in areas such as pay, labour market participation, pension coverage, access to certain professions and jobs (according to gender and ethnicity) and the burden of unpaid labour. Lastly, she reviewed the region’s progress on economic, physical and decision-making autonomy, and emphasized the need for a new equation of State, market and family with a view to achieving equality.

39. After the presentation, several representatives congratulated ECLAC for the quality of the document and paid homage to some of the women from the region that had played a prominent role in the Fourth World Conference on Women.

Panel I: “Resources, not words: progress and challenges of the Beijing agenda as regards budgeting for gender equality policies”

40. The first panel was moderated by Alejandra Mora Mora, Executive President of the National Women’s Institute (INAMU) of Costa Rica, and the panellists were Virginia Vargas Valente of the “Flora Tristán” Peruvian Women’s Centre, Marsha Caddle of the Technical Cooperation Division of the Caribbean Development Bank, María Angélica Luna Parra, Head of the National Institute for Social Development (INDESOL) of the Secretariat of Social Development (SEDESOL) of Mexico, María de la Luz Garrido of Articulación Feminista Marcosur (AFM) of Uruguay, and Line Barreiro, Expert with the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women.

41. The representative of the “Flora Tristán” Peruvian Women’s Centre recalled historic struggles and advances, and said that progress had been uneven, partial and out of step with the critical areas of the Beijing Platform for Action owing to democratic deficits in resources, orientation, statistics and rights. She also underscored the importance of establishing machineries for the advancement of women, of Latin American feminisms, and of the consensus signed in the region. The representative also explained that there was a divergence between holding dialogue and overcoming the budgetary and economic orientation, and therefore profound economic reform was required.

42. The representative of the Technical Cooperation Division of the Caribbean Development Bank noted that the 2008 global financial crisis had adversely impacted on the Caribbean, and explained that one of the challenges for the subregion was a lack of information on the economic situation that would

facilitate decision-making. She emphasized that Governments' responses to the crisis had been inadequate, erroneous and unsustainable in the long run, and concluded with suggestions so that the Caribbean countries could formulate appropriate economic and social policies.

43. The Head of the National Institute for Social Development focused on the impact of social policies on women's autonomy in Mexico. She underscored the importance of agreements and consensuses, and of a critical civil society. In particular, she referred to the Copenhagen Declaration on Social Development adopted at the World Summit for Social Development (1995), in which the countries recognized the difference between economic growth and development, and established equality and equity as core elements of economic and social development (agreement 7). She also pointed to the strides taken in the 12 critical areas of the Beijing Platform for Action, and concluded by mentioning the challenges facing Mexico, such as migration and trafficking, population ageing, violence on social networks and media, and macroeconomics and finance.

44. The representative of Articulación Feminista Marcosur remarked on the disappearance of many feminist and women's organizations, and explained that despite this trend and scant resources, the remaining organizations had continued to evolve. She also recalled her organization's experience and mentioned the establishment of a long-term sustainable regional fund, which would be publicly funded to promote women's organizations and achieve equality and gender equity. Lastly, she requested an increase in the public budget for equality and interculturality and urged Governments and leaders to address the issue.

45. The Expert with the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women stressed the importance of assessing the link between the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women and the Beijing Platform for Action. She noted that the Optional Protocol of the Convention was a fundamental instrument for women's access to justice, and also mentioned the post-2015 architecture, which would include all human rights, with follow-up and accountability mechanisms. She emphasized that all human rights should be included in the post-2015 development agenda and that there was some tension given that the current wording did not mention sexual rights.

46. Several delegations then addressed questions to the panellists.

Panel II: "20 years on from Beijing: overview and outlook"

47. The second panel was moderated by Jennifer Webster, Minister of Human Services and Social Security of the Ministry of Labour, Human Services and Social Security of Guyana. The panellists were Claudia Peña, Minister for Autonomy of the Plurinational State of Bolivia; Paola Pabón, Member of the National Assembly of Ecuador; Mabel Bianco, President of the Women's Foundation for Study and Research (FEIM) of Argentina and Co-Chair of the Committee of NGOs from Latin America and the Caribbean for the Commission on the Status of Women; Roseli Finscue Chavaco, Delegate of Enlace Continental de Mujeres Indígenas (ECMIA) of Colombia, and Magalys Arocha of the Cultural Programmes Department of the Ministry of Culture of Cuba.

48. The Minister for Autonomy of the Plurinational State of Bolivia took stock of the progress achieved in that country in the 20 years since Beijing, with reference to the Vivir Bien programme and the decolonization and depatriarchalization programmes promoted by the Government. Lastly, she stated that although the Plurinational State of Bolivia did not have a Ministry of Women's Affairs, progress was being achieved in a general manner.

49. The Member of the National Assembly of Ecuador stated that economic autonomy was the most important issue facing the region. She emphasized the significance of employment and said that it was crucial that policies take the issue of care into account. On decision-making autonomy, she pointed out that while many countries had laws on equal representation and quotas, there were problems with single-member lists at local level and in political parties. She concluded by stating that efforts to develop institutional frameworks should go hand in hand with gender mainstreaming.

50. The representative of the Committee of NGOs from Latin America and the Caribbean for the Commission on the Status of Women said that women could not afford to wait any longer for improvements, and explained that in practice, legislative advances had not been implemented and therefore had not benefited women's lives. Despite economic growth and increased resources, the latter had not been invested in promoting equality and women's rights owing to a lack of political commitment from Governments. She stated that there was consequently a need for a political and cultural shift in which the role of civil society was to demand those rights. Lastly, she mentioned the challenges that the region would have to overcome in order to enhance women's autonomy: the continued restrictions of the right to sexual and reproductive health; impunity in relation to violence; minimal access to social security; and the neglect of the problems facing girls.

51. The delegate of Enlace Continental de Mujeres Indígenas (ECMIA) mentioned the processes of decolonization and depatriarchalization in relation to programmes, plans and States. She pointed out that the debate revolved around a single culture and that careful thought needed to go into the culture that was desired. On behalf of the indigenous peoples of the Americas, she invited the participants to consider multidimensionality and approaches tailored to specific needs.

52. The representative of the Cultural Programmes Department of the Ministry of Culture of Cuba explained that international meetings and Governments had not made sufficient use of the relationship between the Beijing Platform for Action and the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women. She also cited the meeting of the Commission on the Status of Women in 1994, which had been important in establishing the basis of a common language for Beijing, and commented on the challenges facing women in areas such as care, violence, girl children, armed conflicts and the environment. She concluded by stating that there was a lack of understanding and comprehension in measuring equality and non-discrimination, and highlighted that unless these concepts were identified, special compliance measures could not be taken and the information could not be used effectively in the design of public policies.

53. In the subsequent discussion, some representatives of civil society referred to the need to recognize women with disabilities, Governments' inclusion of the gender perspective in budgets despite structural adjustment programmes, and the creation of the regional fund for equality.

Panel III: "Women's economic autonomy in the post-2015 development agenda in Latin America and the Caribbean"

54. The third panel, with support from the project Promoting Equality in Latin America and the Caribbean, financed by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Norway, was moderated by Lucía Scuro, Social Affairs Officer of the Division for Gender Affairs of ECLAC. The panellists were Hege Araldsen, Ambassador of Norway in Chile; Laura López de Cerain, Director of Multilateral, Horizontal and Financial Cooperation of the Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation (AECID) of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Spain, Carina Lupica, an ECLAC consultant, Esperanza

Cueto, President of ComunidadMujer of Chile, and José Rosero Moncayo, Executive Director of the National Statistics and Census Institute (INEC) of Ecuador (by video link).

55. The Ambassador of Norway in Chile said that the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) were a powerful platform for improving the situation of women and girls in the world, especially through access to a more egalitarian education. Her country was resolutely in favour of gender equality and the empowerment of women as an independent goal in the post-2015 development agenda, which would replace the MDGs when their deadline expired in 2015. In that regard, Norway supported a new agenda that would require the commitment of all countries to achieve sustainable development in all spheres. She explained that much of the progress achieved by her country had been possible thanks to cross-cutting, long-term policies that had been pursued by successive administrations in order to recognize the economic and political participation of women. Lastly, she drew attention to the cooperation agreement with ECLAC to study covenants for equality, and concluded by offering support for ECLAC and the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean in the negotiation of the post-2015 development agenda.

56. The Director of Multilateral, Horizontal and Financial Cooperation of the Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation (AECID) described the achievements and the contribution of Spanish cooperation to gender equality in partnership with the region's countries, and underscored the importance of organizations and civil society in that arena. She called attention to the work of the Gender Equality Observatory for Latin America and the Caribbean, which would continue to receive support from the Agency. She also explained how, in its 25-year history, AECID had helped strengthen and promote the three women's autonomies studied by the Observatory in the countries of the region. Future challenges included the institutionalization of gender equality; the real and effective implementation of gender mainstreaming in public policies; and the application of an inclusive, rights-based approach to advances in the agenda. The Director also voiced Spain's support for the proposal of UN-Women to include a specific gender goal in the post-2015 development agenda, and insisted on the need for gender mainstreaming and to combat violence. Finally, she said that new challenges that must be confronted with a broad and innovative approach that integrated social and cultural aspects.

57. The ECLAC consultant called for an in-depth exploration of women's economic autonomy in the region and explained that progress on one type of autonomy could not be achieved without parallel advances in the others. Domestic and care work could not be dissociated from paid work, since each affected the other. She also remarked that inequality between countries and between women presented a public policy challenge, and highlighted the "glass ceiling", wage gaps and horizontal segregation. She concluded by asking for more impact assessments to be conducted on employment policies, rather than simply quantifying the labour market participation of women.

58. The President of ComunidadMujer recounted the experience of civil society in Chile in confronting the challenges in education and women's economic autonomy. She explained that inequality was present throughout women's lives and that promoting education and the participation of women and girls in science and technology was one of the greatest challenges. Lastly, she said that it was crucial to improve the education system to measure women's participation and autonomy.

59. Speaking by video link, the Executive Director of the National Statistics and Census Institute of Ecuador reaffirmed his support for the Beijing Platform for Action and highlighted the creation in 2007 of the Working Group on Gender Statistics of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC, coordinated by the National Institute of Statistics and Geography (INEGI) of Mexico, with the technical support of ECLAC and UN-Women. He also mentioned the group's progress on unpaid work and satellite

accounts and described the challenges that still had to be met, such as improving surveys and the indicators. He concluded by expressing support for the participation of statistical offices in planning.

60. In the subsequent debate, several delegations called attention to the progress achieved in gender statistics in their respective countries.

Closing session: “A new agenda for equality”

61. The closing round table was moderated by Sonia Montaña, Chief of the Division for Gender Affairs of ECLAC. The participants were Alejandrina Germán, Minister for Women’s Affairs of the Dominican Republic, Eleonora Menicucci, Minister of the Secretariat on Policies for Women of Brazil, Claudia Pascual, Minister and Director of the National Women’s Service (SERNAM) of Chile, Beatriz Ramírez, Director of the National Women’s Institute (INMUJERES) of Uruguay and Luiza Carvalho, Regional Director for the Americas and the Caribbean of UN-Women.

62. The Minister for Women’s Affairs of the Dominican Republic referred to the evaluation of Beijing and the need to make gender equality a cornerstone of democracy. She urged the developed countries to abide by their assistance commitments and encouraged developing countries to meet their commitments under the best possible conditions. She also called on the countries to promote policies that would contribute to change, to effectively apply the prevailing legal provisions, and to strengthen prevention plans and programmes. She stressed that the countries should make the most of all possible scenarios in relation to the issues and the lessons learned, and concluded by asking the countries to promote gender mainstreaming and to move forward in defining and implementing gender indicators.

63. The Minister of the Secretariat on Policies for Women of Brazil noted several challenges that remained outstanding in respect of a new equality agenda, in areas such as decision-making, occupational segregation, violence, and economic development and budget cuts (in other words, the three women’s autonomies). She called for the region’s congresses to set up funds to combat violence against women and to deliver political reforms. In her view, the post-2015 development agenda should internalize and disseminate public policies for women, include specific gender equality goals, incorporate statistical data and indicators, analyse unpaid work in national accounts, emphasize the importance of democracy, build on the agreements reached at the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20), reflect the consensus among the countries, and include sexual and reproductive rights.

64. The Minister and Director of the National Women’s Service (SERNAM) of Chile underscored the significance of reviewing Beijing+20, as an historic moment and an opportunity to include and review achievements. She called for the improved implementation of existing measures and for the strengthening of commitments and consensuses. She also asked that increased national resources be devoted to establishing policies and strategies in favour of gender equality, and addressing national issues. She concluded by asking the countries to develop their national policies and to accept responsibility for delays in implementation.

65. The Director of the National Women’s Institute of Uruguay stated that sexism and racism persisted as structural drivers of discrimination and inequality, necessitating the continuous upgrading of statistical elements with a view to supplying inputs and enabling more effective interventions to dismantle the structure of discrimination and inequality. She stressed the need to resume efforts in the 12 critical areas of the Beijing Platform for Action and to return to the equality agenda built up through a rights-based approach. She explained that Uruguay was responsible for shaping the consensuses and agreements for the thirteenth session of the Regional Conference, which the country would host in 2016. It was also necessary

to build political authority, which also required a budget and political will. She explained the need expressed by civil society for the creation of a regional fund for gender equality, a proposal that her institution was duty-bound to support. She concluded by stating that an action plan needed to be implemented that would allow women to participate in development.

66. The Chief of the Division of Gender Affairs of ECLAC listed the challenges to be addressed in promoting a new equality agenda, notably the relationship between organizations and governments, the role of feminism and the convergence of agendas, among other matters. Three major concerns would also have to be overcome: (i) implementation; (ii) the need for resources and the requirement that economic development be linked with social development; and (iii) cultural obstacles.

67. The Regional Director for the Americas and the Caribbean of UN-Women asked the participants to consider the progress that had been achieved, from the consensuses of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women to the Santo Domingo Consensus. She pointed out that the decision to establish UN-Women had recognized the need to continue the struggle for substantive equality for women. Lastly, she explained that the future roadmap was an emphatic call to implement the Beijing Platform for Action, backed by adequate resources.

68. Several country representatives then emphasized the importance of ensuring the implementation of the Santo Domingo Consensus.

69. The ministers and authorities of the national machineries for the advancement of women adopted the following Statement as an outcome of the special session:

We, ministers and high-level authorities of the national machineries for the advancement of women, gathered in representation of the Governments of Latin America and the Caribbean, on the occasion of the twentieth anniversary of the adoption of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action at the Fourth World Conference on Women, held in Beijing in 1995, reaffirming our commitment to the Beijing gender equality agenda and to the acceleration of its implementation, with a human-rights-based approach,

Recognize the achievements and progress made in the past 20 years which, although a key contribution to democracy, development and peace, are nonetheless insufficient and show, as we have stated on many occasions, that gender equality and the exercise of the human rights of women and girls are essential to eradicate poverty and attain higher standards of equality, peace and security, and the three pillars —economic, social and environmental— of sustainable development, in a context that presents new challenges and opportunities;

Strenuously reaffirm all international commitments, in particular the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women and the Inter-American Convention on the Prevention, Punishment and Eradication of Violence against Women (Convention of Belem do Pará), and regional commitments adopted in recent times, including the Santo Domingo Consensus and the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development, which represent the most up-to-date regional position of Latin America and the Caribbean;

Emphasize the fundamental role played by non-governmental organizations, in particular women's organizations, the feminist movement and youth organizations, in achieving progress towards the objectives set forth in the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, and the political will demonstrated by the Governments in endorsing the agendas of those

organizations, and recognize that the advances made have been the fruit of key partnerships formed by women within and outside the scope of the State, which should be strengthened with a view to the post-2015 development agenda;

Commit to promoting the post-2015 development agenda in the appropriate forums, in order to ensure that it includes a specific goal on gender equality and mainstreams the gender and human-rights perspective through all its goals, targets and indicators;

Reiterate that the implementation of the post-2015 development agenda at the regional level constitutes a strategic opportunity to advance gender equality and women's autonomy through monitoring and follow-up of sectoral agendas within the subsidiary bodies of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean;

Recognize the challenges identified by our Governments and by civil society organizations in different forums, and pledge to take all necessary measures to ensure the effective fulfilment of commitments, especially those aimed at expediting the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action and of regional consensuses, which will require greater allocation of financial, technical and human resources, gender budgeting and accountability with a view to strengthening the implementation of equality policies in the framework of the post-2015 development agenda and the Third International Conference on Financing for Development, to be held in 2015;

Reaffirm the importance of gender statistics and indicators to monitor and follow up on the post-2015 development agenda, placing a particular emphasis on dialogue between producers and users of data and promoting the allocation of sufficient resources by States and international cooperation agencies in order to compile pertinent, timely and reliable information;

Decide to establish a technical working group on gender budgeting, which will comprise representatives of the Governments of the countries of the region and civil society and will be supported by the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean and the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women;

Commend the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean and the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women upon the organization of this special session as a regional forum for discussion and decision-making on the gender equality agenda in preparation for the fifty-ninth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, in the institutional framework of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean, and request that the outcome of this special session be presented to the Commission on the Status of Women at that session.

Other matters (agenda item 8)

Closing session

70. The Chair of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean noted the outcomes of the meeting; namely the statement of the special session on Beijing+20 in Latin America and the Caribbean and the agreements adopted.

71. The Chief of the Division for Gender Affairs stated that ECLAC had opened its doors to gender equality, as a result of hard work and the trust that had been built between Governments and civil society, with the active involvement of the specialized agencies and other bodies of the United Nations system. She also called attention to the role that the region's countries had played in assisting the transition from the Women and Development Unit to the Division for Gender Affairs of ECLAC, and expressed thanks for international cooperation, especially that provided by the Government of Spain.
72. There being no other matters to discuss, the meeting was brought to a close.

D. AGREEMENTS

73. At their fifty-first meeting, the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean agreed to:

1. *Support* the statement made at the Caribbean technical meeting, held in Santiago on 14-15 November 2014, recognizing the specific challenges faced by the Caribbean countries;
2. *Adopt* the statement of the special session on Beijing+20 in Latin America and the Caribbean;
3. *Adopt also*, for discussion at the thirteenth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean, the theme of gender equality, women's autonomies and sustainable development: progress towards implementation;
4. *Request* the secretariat to propose a calendar of activities for the preparatory process leading to the thirteenth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean, to be held in Montevideo in 2016;
5. *Recognize* the proposal put forth by the Commission on compacts as a political instrument for advancing an equality agenda, requesting that this theme be explored in greater depth from the perspective of women's empowerment, as well as its links with gender mainstreaming and other strategies for approaching public policies for gender equality;
6. *Reaffirm* the importance of acknowledging and addressing the diverse situations and needs of women in all their diversity and throughout the life cycle, including Afro-descendent, indigenous, rural, lesbian, gay, bisexual and transsexual women, women with disabilities and older women, in the implementation of public policies in the context of the post-2015 development agenda, in order to secure all of their rights, with particular emphasis on their health and sexual and reproductive rights, their autonomies and their right to equality in the public and private spheres;
7. *Strengthen* measures, policies and programmes to prevent and address all forms of violence against women, the perverse effects of organized crime on the lives of women and girls, enforced disappearances, trafficking in persons and sexual exploitation, femicide, violence by armed groups and violence against women human rights defenders and women journalists;
8. *Promote* regional cooperation on gender issues with the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States, establishing joint lines of work with the Community's open-ended working

group in order to comprehensively and inclusively identify and foster strategies to tackle and meet the needs and demands of women, adolescents and girls in the region, as set forth in the Santo Domingo Consensus, the Quito Consensus and the Brasilia Consensus;

9. *Endorse* agreement 19 adopted by the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean at their first meeting, with a view to providing coordinated follow-up among the subsidiary bodies of the Commission;
10. *Commit* to reporting regularly and comprehensibly on the implementation and outcomes of national budgets;
11. *Ratify* prior commitments by the Governments of the region regarding the need to ensure the sustainability of women's and feminist organizations and movements and, in this connection, emphasize the importance of moving forward with the possible creation of a regional fund for gender equality, further to the provisions of paragraphs 28, 103 and 120 of the Santo Domingo Consensus;
12. *Redouble* efforts and intensify the commitment of the countries to the establishment of a regional fund for gender equality and request the Commission, in its capacity as technical secretariat of the Regional Conference on Women, to promote the establishment of a working group to take action at different levels to this end, in consultation with feminist and women's organizations in the region;
13. *Welcome* the strategy proposed by the Presiding Officers for the implementation of the Santo Domingo Consensus;
14. *Hail* the fifteenth anniversary of the international meetings on gender statistics and the sustained efforts of the working group on gender statistics of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, coordinated by Mexico;
15. *Recognize* the strategic and fundamental work carried out by the Division for Gender Affairs of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, under the leadership of its chief, to the benefit of Latin American and Caribbean women.

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