REPORT OF THE FORTY-FOURTH MEETING OF THE PRESIDING OFFICERS OF THE REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON WOMEN IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

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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 forty-fourth meeting in Brasilia on 12 July 2010.

Attendance

2. The meeting was attended by representatives of the following member countries in their capacity as Presiding Officers: Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Guatemala, Haiti, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay, Spain and Uruguay.

3. Also in attendance were representatives of the following member countries of the Commission: Antigua and Barbuda, Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, El Salvador, Jamaica, Peru, Saint Lucia and United States of America.


5. Also represented were the following specialized agencies of the United Nations: International Labour Organization (ILO) and Pan American Health Organization (PAHO).

6. The meeting was also attended by representatives of the following intergovernmental organizations: Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), Inter-American Commission of Women (IACW) of the Organization of American States (OAS) and Ibero-American Secretariat (SEGIB).

Chair and rapporteur

7. The Presiding Officers, as elected at the tenth session of the Regional Conference, were the following:

   Chair: Ecuador
   Vice-Chairs: Argentina
               Brazil
               Colombia
               Costa Rica
               Cuba
               Dominican Republic
               Guatemala

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1 See annex 1.
Haiti
Honduras
Jamaica
Mexico
Panama
Paraguay
Puerto Rico
Spain
Suriname
Turks and Caicos Islands
Uruguay

Rapporteur: Chile

B. AGENDA

8. The Presiding Officers adopted the following agenda:

1. Adoption of the agenda

2. Report of the Chair of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean

3. Review of the documentation to be presented at the eleventh session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean

4. Organization of work during the eleventh session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean

5. Preliminary information on the composition of the incoming bureau of Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean

6. Additional information on the eleventh session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean

7. Other matters
C. SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS

Adoption of the agenda (agenda item 1)

9. The Chair submitted the provisional agenda for consideration by the delegations, who adopted it without amendment.

Report of the Chair of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean (agenda item 2)

10. The Chair of the Presiding Officers reported on the main achievements of the member countries of the Regional Conference since adoption of the Quito Consensus, including the growing importance of gender issues on the public agenda, women’s increasing political participation, wide recognition of the economic value of women’s unpaid work, the greater emphasis being placed on the elimination of violence against women and the creation of the Gender Equality Observatory for Latin America and the Caribbean. She also reviewed the activities undertaken in preparation for the eleventh session of the Regional Conference and commented on the reports to be presented to the Conference on the basis of Governments’ responses to the questionnaire on the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action (1995) and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly (2000). In concluding her report, she called on participants to work towards integrating equality into the social, cultural and natural landscapes of Latin America and the Caribbean.

11. At the request of the Chair, the representative of Cuba reported on the region’s participation in the fifty-fourth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, which had been at a high political level. She said that the discussions had been part of an ambitious programme of work. Participants had agreed that the Beijing Platform for Action had lost none of its relevance. The final declaration, although adopted by consensus at the plenary session, simply reiterated the commitments adopted by member States and did not live up to the expectations of the women’s movements.

Review of the documentation to be presented at the eleventh session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean (agenda item 3)

12. The representative of the ECLAC secretariat listed the documents that delegations would have before them at the eleventh session of the Regional Conference and recalled that, by virtue of an agreement adopted at the forty-third meeting of the Presiding Officers, certain documents would be made available in electronic format.

Organization of work during the eleventh session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean (agenda item 4)

13. The representative of the ECLAC secretariat reported on the preparations for the eleventh session of the Regional Conference, the assistance provided by other United Nations agencies in organizing the side events and the important role played as observers by non-governmental organizations and representatives of civil society. She said that the process had been started less than a year previously with the contribution of the member States to the preparation of the outline of the position paper “What kind of State? What kind of equality?” Further studies and substantive inputs had been delivered subsequently. As agreed at the forty-third meeting of the Presiding Officers, the draft Brasilia Consensus, which would be submitted for consideration by the Conference, would be the fruit of a participatory exercise. She then
looked at the draft programme prepared for the Conference and the composition of the panels of experts invited by ECLAC. The panels, which were scheduled for 14 and 15 July, would address the issues selected for more thorough consideration by the Conference.

14. Several delegations proposed setting up a working group to receive the proposals of those who had not taken part in preparing the draft Brasilia Consensus and of those who had but wished to contribute further. Thus, it was agreed that a meeting open to all delegations would be held on 14 July 2010.

Preliminary information on the composition of the incoming bureau of Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean (agenda item 5)

15. The representative of the ECLAC secretariat reported that a number of countries had expressed an interest in serving as Presiding Officers for the next period. The participating delegations agreed to recommend for approval by the Regional Conference at its eleventh session a bureau of Presiding Officers composed as follows: Chair: Brazil; Vice-Chairs: Antigua and Barbuda; Argentina, Barbados, Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Chile, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Guatemala, Jamaica, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Trinidad and Tobago and Uruguay; and Rapporteur: Mexico.

Additional information on the eleventh session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean (agenda item 6)

16. The representative of the ECLAC secretariat provided information on the side events which would be held on 14 and 15 July.

17. The representative of Brazil informed participants of the cultural and social activities that were being organized during the eleventh session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean.

18. There being no other matters, the meeting was declared closed.

19. The participants thanked ECLAC and the Government of Brazil for organizing the meeting.
Annex 1

LISTA DE PARTICIPANTES
LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

A. Estados miembros de la Comisión
Member States of the Commission
États membres de la Commission

ANTIGUA Y BARBUDA/ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA

Representante/Representative:
- Sheila Roseau, Executive Director, Directorate of Gender Affairs, Ministry of Labour, Home, and Social Affairs

ARGENTINA

Representante/Representative:
- María Fabiana Loguzzo, Directora de la Mujer, Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores, Comercio Internacional y Culto

BRASIL/BRAZIL

Representante/Representative:
- Nilcéa Freire, Ministra, Secretária de Política para as Mulheres

Miembros de la delegación/Delegation members:
- Sônia Malheiros Miguel, Subsecretária, Secretaria de Políticas para as Mulheres (SPM/PR)

CHILE

Representante/Representative:
- Jaime Cortes-Monroy, Segundo Secretario y Cónsul, Embajada de Chile en el Brasil

COSTA RICA

Representante/Representative:
- Maureen Clarke, Presidenta Ejecutiva, Instituto Nacional de las Mujeres (INAMU)

CUBA

Representante/Representative:
- María Yolanda Ferrer, Secretaria General, Federación de Mujeres Cubanas
ECUADOR

Representante/Representative:
- Ana Lucía Herrera, Presidenta, Comisión de Transición hacia el Consejo Nacional de las Mujeres y la Igualdad de Género

EL SALVADOR

Representante/Representative:
- Julia Evelyn Martínez, Directora Ejecutiva, Instituto Salvadoreño para el Desarrollo de la Mujer (ISDEMU)

ESPAÑA/SPAIN

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- Pedro Flores, Coordinador General en Brasil, Agencia Española de Cooperación Internacional para el Desarrollo (AECID)

ESTADOS UNIDOS DE AMÉRICA/UNITED STATES OF AMÉRICA

Miembros de la delegación/Delegation members:
- Gianni Paz, Alternate Representative, US Department of State

GUATEMALA

Representante/Representative:
- Sonia Mercedes Escobedo Escalante, Secretaria Presidencial de la Mujer, Secretaría Presidencial de la Mujer

HAITÍ/HAITI

Representante/Representative:
- Idalber Pierre-Jean, Embajador de Haití en el Brasil

JAMAICA

Representante/Representative:
- Faith Webster, Executive Director, Bureau of Women’s Affairs

MÉXICO/MEXICO

Representante/Representative:
- María del Rocío García Gaytán, Presidenta, Instituto Nacional de las Mujeres (INMUJERES)
- Patricia Wohlers, Directora General Adjunta de Asuntos Internacionales, Instituto Nacional de las Mujeres (INMUJERES)
PANAMÁ/PANAMA

Representante/Representative:
- Markelda Montenegro de Herrera, Directora General, Instituto Nacional de la Mujer (INAMU)

PARAGUAY

Representante/Representative:
- Gloria Beatriz Godoy de Rubin, Ministra, Secretaría de la Mujer, Presidencia de la República

Miembros de la delegación/Delegation members:
- Benefrida Espinoza, Directora de Cooperación Externa, Secretaría de la Mujer
- Lidia Edelina Giménez, Secretaria Privada de la Secretaría de la Mujer
- María Victoria Heikel, Asesora Técnica, Secretaría de la Mujer, Presidencia de la República
- Rosa Elizabeth Riquelme

PERÚ/PERU

Representante/Representative:
- Norma Añaños Castilla, Viceministra de la Mujer, Ministerio de la Mujer y Desarrollo Social (MIMDES)

Miembros de la delegación/Delegation members:
- Karina Juliza Beteta Rubín, Congresista, Presidenta de la Comisión de la Mujer y Desarrollo Social del Congreso de la República
- Cecilia Chacón de Vetori, Vicepresidenta del Congreso de la República, Partido Fujimorista

REPÚBLICA BOLIVARIANA DE VENEZUELA/BOLIVARIAN REPUBLIC OF VENEZUELA

Miembros de la delegación/Delegation members:
- Nora Castañeda, Viceministra para las Estrategias Socioeconómicas con Perspectivas de Género

REPÚBLICA DOMINICANA/DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Representante/Representative:
- Alejandrina Germán Mejía, Ministra de la Mujer, Ministerio de la Mujer

Miembros de la delegación/Delegation members:
- Sonia Margarita Díaz Pérez, Viceministra Técnica, Ministerio de la Mujer (MIDEMU)
- Magda Alina Altagracia Rodríguez Azcona, Diputada, Cámara de Diputados
- Nery Alexandra Maldonado De Taveras, Directora de Comunicaciones, Ministerio de la Mujer (MIDEMU)

SANTA LUCÍA/SAINT LUCIA

Representante/Representative:
- Charms Gaspard, Director, Division of Gender Relations, Ministry of Health, Wellness, Family Affairs, National Mobilization, Human Services and Gender Relations
URUGUAY

Representante/Representative:
- Beatriz Ramírez, Directora, Instituto Nacional de las Mujeres (INMUJERES)

B. Organismos de las Naciones Unidas
United Nations bodies
Organisations rattachées a l'Organisation des Nations Unies

- Christine Norton, Asesora Regional, Género y Desarrollo/Regional Adviser, Gender and Development

Fondo de Desarrollo de las Naciones Unidas para la Mujer (UNIFEM)/United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM)/Fonds de développement des Nations Unies pour la femme (UNIFEM)
- Lucía Salamea, Directora Regional de Programas, Región Andina

Fondo de Población de las Naciones Unidas (UNFPA)/United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)/Fonds des Nations Unies pour la population (UNFPA)
- Marcela Suazo, Directora Regional para América Latina y el Caribe/Latin American and Caribbean Regional Office
- Ana Elena Badilla, Asesora Regional en Género, Oficinal Regional para América Latina y el Caribe
- Leonor Calderón, Representante del UNFPA en Guatemala

Instituto Internacional de Investigaciones y Capacitación para la Promoción de la Mujer/International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (INSTRAW)/Institut international de recherche et de formation pour la promotion de la femme
- Yassine Fall, Director
- Nielsen Pérez, Oficial de Proyecto, República Dominicana/Project Officer, Dominican Republic
- Alejandra Valdés, Consultora, Chile

Oficina del Alto Comisionado de las Naciones Unidas para los Derechos Humanos (ACNUDH)/Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)/Haut Commissariat aux Droits de l'Homme
- Margarita Zambrano, Punto Focal de Género/Gender Focal Point

Programa de las Naciones Unidas para el Desarrollo (PNUD)/United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)/Programme des Nations Unies pour le développement (PNUD)
- Beat Rohr, Director Regional Adjunto para América Latina y el Caribe/Deputy Regional Director, Regional Bureau for Latin America and the Caribbean (RBLAC)
- Carmen de la Cruz, Gender Practice Team Leader, Regional Centre for Latin America and the Caribbean
- Nieves Bernabeu García, Gender Practice Policy Specialist, Regional Centre for Latin America and the Caribbean

Programa de las Naciones Unidas para el Medio Ambiente (PNUMA)/United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)/Programme des Nations Unies pour l'environnement (PNUE)
- Cristina Montenegro, Representante en el Brasil
Programa de las Naciones Unidas para los Asentamientos Humanos (Hábitat)/United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)/Programme des Nations Unies pour les établissements humains
- Cecilia Martínez, Directora, Oficina Regional para América Latina y el Caribe, Brasil/Director, Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean

C. Organismos especializados
   Specialized agencies
   Institutions spécialisées

Organización Internacional del Trabajo (OIT)/International Labour Organization (ILO)/Organization internationale du travail (OIT)
- María Elena Valenzuela, Especialista Regional en Género y Empleo, Chile

Organización Panamericana de la Salud (OPS)/Pan American Health Organization (PAHO)/Organisation panaméricaine de la santé (OPS)
- Marijke Velzeboer-Salcedo, Coordinadora, Oficina de Género, Diversidad y Derechos Humanos
- Alessandra Guedes, Asesora Regional en Violencia Intrafamiliar

D. Otras organizaciones intergubernamentales
   Other intergovernmental organizations
   Autres organizations intergouvernementales

Banco Interamericano de Desarrollo (BID)/Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)/Banque Interaméricaine de Développement (BID)
- Gabriela Vega, Especialista principal en desarrollo social, Unidad de Género y Diversidad/Social Development Lead Specialist, Gender and Diversity Unit

Organización de Estados Americanos (OEA)/Organization of American States (OAS)/Organisation des États américains (OEA)
- Belkys Mones Almonte, Asesora en Género y Derecho de las Mujeres, Comisión Interamericana de Mujeres (CIM)

Secretaría General Iberoamericana (SEGIB)/Ibero-American Secretariat (SEGIB)/Secretaría General Ibero-Americana (SEGIB)
- María Jesús Aranda, Asesora de Género
E. Secretaría
Secretariat
Secrétariat

Comisión Económica para América Latina y el Caribe (CEPAL)/Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)/Commission économique pour l’Amérique latine et les Caraïbes (CEPALC)
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