Third meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Social Development in Latin America and the Caribbean

Santiago, 23 April 2019

AGREEMENTS

At their third meeting, held in Santiago on 23 April 2019, on the occasion of the third meeting of the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development, the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Social Development in Latin America and the Caribbean agreed to:

1. **Thank** the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, in its capacity as secretariat of the Regional Conference on Social Development in Latin America and the Caribbean, for the progress made in formulating the regional agenda for inclusive social development, under the leadership of the Chair of the Conference, the Ministry of Social Development of Uruguay;

2. **Draw attention** to the importance of putting people at the centre of development, safeguarding the progress made in social development in the region and avoiding setbacks in a less favourable economic situation with numerous emerging challenges;

3. **Reiterate** their conviction that multilateralism and cooperation are essential to making headway in implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in the region, including its social dimension, and that the regional agenda for inclusive social development can contribute to this process;

4. **Welcome** the initial proposal of objectives, principles, axes and action lines that make up the regional agenda for inclusive social development and its commitment to eradicating poverty, reducing inequalities and addressing the gaps in access to well-being;

5. **Endorse**, in general terms, the initial proposal of the regional agenda for inclusive social development as presented and request the secretariat to prepare a summary of the comments received on this proposal for the countries to review;

6. **Also endorse** the work plan proposed by the Chair of the Conference for preparing the final version of the regional agenda for inclusive social development, for consideration and approval at the third session of the Regional Conference on Social Development in Latin America and the Caribbean;
7. *Further endorse* the agenda for dialogue with civil society proposed by the Chair of the Conference and request the secretariat to coordinate the planned activities to collect comments and inputs for the preparation of the final version of the regional agenda for inclusive social development, prior to the third session of the Regional Conference on Social Development in Latin America and the Caribbean;

8. *Reiterate* their thanks to the Government of Mexico for offering to host the third session of the Regional Conference on Social Development in Latin America and the Caribbean, to be held in the second half of 2019, and request the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean to organize the meeting on the dates agreed with the host country.