



**Executive meeting
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AGREEMENTS

At their executive meeting held virtually on 20 May 2021, the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean,

Considering the postponement of the fourth session of the Regional Conference on Population and Development of Latin America and the Caribbean and related commitments because of the effects of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic,

Taking into account the virtual dialogues on the impacts of COVID-19 from a population and development perspective, organized in 2020 by the Chair of the Regional Conference on Population and Development with the support of the technical secretariat and the United Nations Population Fund, agreed to:

1. *Hold* the fourth session of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean during the first half of 2022, on a date to be decided, at the headquarters of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean in Santiago, in a hybrid in-person and virtual format;

2. *Urge* the countries to make every effort to send high-level, inclusive, diverse and pluralistic official delegations to the fourth session of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean, including representatives from ministries and national offices engaged with the population and development agenda, as well as representatives of civil society organizations and academia involved in the process of implementing the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development;

3. *Request* the secretariat to prepare, in collaboration with the United Nations Population Fund, a document on the sociodemographic impacts of the pandemic in the region, with recommendations for recovery and reconstruction within the framework of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development, to be presented at the fourth session of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean;

4. *Request* the working group on indicators for regional follow-up of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development to report on the progress of its activities at the fourth session of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean;

5. *Request* the secretariat to present the website of the virtual platform to contribute to regional follow-up of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development, including a proposal for updating its content, at the fourth session of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean;

6. *Ask* the Chair of the Regional Conference on Population and Development, with the support of the secretariat and the United Nations Population Fund, to prepare a proposed timeline for the submission of national reports and of the regional report on the implementation of the Montevideo Consensus, in line with global cycle of review and appraisal of the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development beyond 2014, and with the follow-up and review of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;

7. *Request* the United Nations Population Fund and the other competent agencies, funds and programmes to continue contributing, as appropriate, to the implementation and follow-up of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development;

8. *Commend* and thank the Chair, the secretariat and the United Nations Population Fund for organizing the wide-ranging and wide-reaching virtual dialogues held during 2020;

9. *Also commend* the secretariat for the preparation of the reports on the impacts of COVID-19 from a population and development perspective,¹ and invite the secretariat to disseminate them as widely as possible among countries, civil society organizations, academia and the agencies, funds and programmes of the United Nations;

10. *Thank* the Chair, the secretariat and the United Nations Population Fund for organizing this virtual executive meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean.

¹ Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), “The impact of COVID-19: an opportunity to reaffirm the central role of migrants’ human rights in sustainable development”, *COVID-19 Reports*, Santiago, 2020; “Challenges for the protection of older persons and their rights during the COVID-19 pandemic”, *COVID-19 Reports*, Santiago, 2020; “People of African descent and COVID-19: unveiling structural inequalities in Latin America”, *COVID-19 Reports*, Santiago, 2021; “Persons with disabilities and their rights in the COVID-19 pandemic: leaving no one behind”, *COVID-19 Reports*, Santiago, 2021; ECLAC and others, “The impact of COVID-19 on indigenous peoples in Latin America (Abya Yala): between invisibility and collective resistance”, *Project Documents* (LC/TS.2020/171), Santiago, ECLAC, 2021.