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## AGREEMENTS

*At their sixth meeting, held in Bridgetown on 31 October 2024, the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Social Development in Latin America and the Caribbean, agreed to:*

1. *Emphasize* the importance of putting people and their rights at the heart of inclusive social development and protecting the population from the impacts of the multiple transformations, conflicts and crises affecting the region and the world on various dimensions of poverty and inequality;
2. *Reiterate* the conviction that multilateralism and cooperation are essential means for progressing with the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in the region;
3. *Highlight* the importance of moving forward with the implementation of the Regional Agenda for Inclusive Social Development, in particular by strengthening social policy institutions for the development of universal, comprehensive, sustainable and resilient social protection systems, to leave no one behind in the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals;
4. *Express* the will to advance in the eradication of hunger and poverty in all their forms and dimensions—the centre of efforts to achieve the Goals of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development—, to invest in people and, in particular, in the comprehensive development of children, adolescents and young people, to strengthen social mobility and cohesion, to advance towards inclusive social development and to build peaceful, just and inclusive societies;
5. *Highlight* the need to strengthen, among other things, labour inclusion policies, non-contributory pension systems and comprehensive care policies to meet the development challenges in the region;
6. *Stress* that the Second World Summit for Social Development, to be held in Qatar in November 2025, represents an opportunity to position the voice of Latin America and the Caribbean and to secure agreements and commitments that will enable decisive progress towards inclusive social development;



7. *Welcome* the document *Reducing Inequality and Pursuing Inclusive Social Development in Latin America and the Caribbean: Challenges, Priorities and Key Messages in preparation for the Second World Summit for Social Development*<sup>1</sup> prepared by the Commission;

8. *Highlight* the active participation of the member countries of the Presiding Officers in working groups and their contributions to and analysis of the abovementioned document;

9. *Welcome* the Report of the Chair on progress in the implementation of resolution 5(V) of the fifth session of the Regional Conference on Social Development in Latin America and the Caribbean and request the secretariat to prepare, in consultation with the Chair of the Conference, a document that will constitute the region's contribution to the Second World Summit for Social Development;

10. *Hold* a special meeting of the Presiding Officers in the week beginning 24 March 2025, at which the secretariat will present the document requested in the preceding paragraph;

11. *Request* the secretariat to expand the analysis and sharing of experiences with a view to strengthening the institutional framework for social policy and social protection systems in response to crises and a reconfigured risk structure in the region, and to continue the processes of maintaining and updating the information contained in the Observatory on Social Development in Latin America and the Caribbean, in particular with regard to social institutions and non-contributory social protection policies;

12. *Commend* the Government of Barbados, in its capacity as host, and the Government of Chile, in its capacity as Chair of the Presiding Officers, for their role in carrying out the activities of the sixth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Social Development in Latin America and the Caribbean;

13. *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 support provided in relation to the implementation of the Regional Agenda for Inclusive Social Development;

14. *Thank* the United Nations Development Programme for the joint organization of the sixth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Social Development in Latin America and the Caribbean and the sixteenth Ministerial Forum for Development in Latin America and the Caribbean;

15. *Thank* the Government of Brazil for its kind offer to host the sixth session of the Regional Conference on Social Development of Latin America and the Caribbean, which will be held in the second half of 2025, and request the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean to convene that session on dates to be established in consultation with the host country.

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<sup>1</sup> LC/MDS.6/3.