

688(XXXV) SOUTH-SOUTH COOPERATION

The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,

Considering Economic and Social Council resolution 2012/31 of 27 July 2012, which reaffirms the importance of staying fully engaged in ensuring proper and effective follow-up to the implementation of the Monterrey Consensus of the International Conference on Financing for Development, as reaffirmed in the Doha Declaration on Financing for Development,

Bearing in mind that the resolution reiterates the role played by the United Nations as a focal point for the financing for development follow-up process and the need to ensure the continuity and momentum of that process, and reaffirming the need to further intensify the engagement of all stakeholders,

Highlighting the contents of the Nairobi outcome document of the High-level United Nations Conference on South-South Cooperation, held from 1 to 3 December 2009, in which the United Nations funds, programmes and specialized agencies, as well as the regional commissions, were requested to assist developing countries in establishing or strengthening existing South-South centres of excellence, within their respective areas of competence, and to promote closer cooperation among such centres of excellence, especially at the regional and interregional levels, with a view to improving South-South knowledge-sharing, networking, mutual capacity-building, information and best practices exchanges, policy analysis and coordinated action among developing countries on major issues of common concern,

Recalling paragraph 44 of the document *Consideration of reports of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme*,¹ prepared by the High-level Committee on South-South Cooperation, which states that the proliferation of South-South cooperation programmes and activities across the United Nations system points to the need to move from fragmented and ad hoc reporting to more systematic, standard and comprehensive reporting mechanisms and to the need for improved quality of data and analysis, in particular in the planning, programming, reporting and follow-up of South-South cooperation activities,

Bearing in mind the Brasilia Consensus, adopted at the eleventh session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean, in particular the agreements relating to promotion of women's autonomy and gender equality,

Considering General Assembly resolution 68/230, which invites the regional commissions, where relevant, to further harness the knowledge network, partnerships, and technical and research capacity in support of enhanced subregional, regional and interregional South-South cooperation and to use the meetings of the regional coordination mechanism, as appropriate, as a tool for advancing system-wide cooperation and coordination in support of South-South cooperation at the regional level,

Recalling resolution 675(XXXIV) adopted at the thirty-fourth session of the Commission in 2012,

¹ SSC/17/2.

Taking into account that, since the thirty-fourth session of the Commission, the Presiding Officers of the Committee on South-South Cooperation have met on three occasions: in Lima, on 27 November 2012; in San Salvador, on 1 June 2013; and in Buenos Aires, on 13 September 2013,

Considering the agreements adopted on those occasions, which are reflected in the respective reports,²

1. *Takes note* of the Report on the technical cooperation activities carried out by the ECLAC system during the 2012-2013 biennium;³

2. *Takes note also* of the document South-South Cooperation. Note by the secretariat;⁴

3. *Takes note further* of the document containing case studies for the design of a methodological approach to measuring South-South cooperation and commends Peru on its preparation;

4. *Takes note further still* of the report on the outcomes of the calculation of structural gaps in Costa Rica and commends that country on its preparation;

5. *Requests* the Chair of the Committee on South-South Cooperation, together with the Presiding Officers of the Committee, the Executive Secretary of the Commission and the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission of Latin America and the Caribbean, to continue with the process of identifying indicators of South-South cooperation, incorporating the methodology and advances developed for the Ibero-American Secretariat's Report on South-South Cooperation in Ibero-America, under the Ibero-American Programme for the Strengthening of South-South Cooperation, and to report on any progress to the Committee of the Whole at its session in 2015;

6. *Also requests* the Chair of the Committee on South-South Cooperation to take steps to ensure that the Committee is invited to the forthcoming meeting of the task force on the quantification of South-South cooperation set up within the framework of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Commission;

7. *Invites* countries to participate in the process of calculating structural gaps with the support of the secretariat;

8. *Requests* that the secretariat and the Presiding Officers of the Committee disseminate once per year the technical notes relating to the construction of indicators of South-South cooperation;

9. *Decides* to convene the fourth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Committee on South-South Cooperation in Lima during the second half of 2014;

² Report of the first meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Committee on South-South Cooperation, Lima, 27 November 2012 (LC/L.3573); Report of the second meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Committee on South-South Cooperation, San Salvador, 1 June 2013 (LC/L.3657); Report of the third meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Committee on South-South Cooperation, Buenos Aires, 13 September 2013 (LC/L.3772).

³ LC/G.2593(SES.35/10).

⁴ LC/G.2602(SES.35/13).

10. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to report on the fulfilment of this resolution at the meeting of the South-South Committee to be held in the framework of the thirty-sixth session of the Commission.

