

Draft resolution

STRATEGIC PLAN FOR THE STATISTICAL CONFERENCE OF THE AMERICAS OF THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

The Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,

Bearing in mind resolution 2000/7 of the United Nations Economic and Social Council, whereby the Council approved the proposal on the establishment, as one of the subsidiary bodies of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, with a mandate to promote the development and improvement of national statistics and work to ensure that they are comparable internationally, bearing in mind the recommendations of the United Nations Statistical Commission, the specialized agencies and other relevant organizations; to promote international, regional and bilateral cooperation among national offices and international and regional agencies; and to draw up a biennial programme of regional and international cooperation activities to meet the demands of the countries of the region, subject to the availability of resources,

Recalling the agreements adopted at the fourth meeting of the Executive Committee of the Conference, held in Dallas on 30 November and 1 December 2004, including the agreement to prepare a medium-term plan of action setting out strategic guidelines for the work of the Conference and focusing on five subject areas: institution-building measures for statistical offices and national statistical systems, training and human resources, statistical development (coverage and quality), modernization of management and the advancement of statistics,

1. Approves the Executive Committee's proposal to prepare a strategic plan for the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean;

2. Appreciates and welcomes the preliminary version of the strategic plan contained in the document "Strategic plan 2005-2015";¹

3. Recognizes that, in the coming decade, national statistical systems will face the following priority challenges: monitoring progress towards internationally agreed development goals, including those contained in the Millennium Declaration; the 2005-2015 census round; and the 2008 update of the System of National Accounts;

4. Instructs the Executive Committee to prepare, in consultation with the other members of the Conference, a new version of the document that reflects the priorities enumerated in paragraph 3 above and incorporates the following elements: a more precise mission statement for the Conference; the design and promotion of a regional project aimed at setting a baseline for measuring progress towards the strategic goals; the identification of stages for reaching these goals; the design of projects for financing these endeavours; the definition of the modus operandi of the working groups; a fuller description of the proposed subregional initiatives, taking North America into consideration, among other things; diffusion of new information and communication technologies as a means of modernizing statistical systems; and the promotion of efforts to disaggregate statistics by gender, ethnic group and geographical location;

5. Requests the Executive Committee to submit, for consideration at the fourth meeting of the Statistical Conference of the Americas, a revised draft strategic plan prepared in accordance with these guidelines.

¹ LC/L.2293(CEA.2005/3).