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## **AGREEMENTS POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT: PRIORITY ACTIVITIES FOR THE PERIOD 2010-2012**

At its meeting held in Santiago from 12 to 14 May 2010, the Ad Hoc Committee on Population and Development of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,

*Reaffirming* the Programme of Action adopted at the International Conference on Population and Development, held in Cairo in September 1994, and the key actions for its further implementation; the Latin American and Caribbean Consensus on Population and Development adopted in Mexico City in May 1993 and the Latin American and Caribbean Regional Plan of Action on Population and Development of 1994; the United Nations Millennium Declaration of September 2000; and the 2005 World Summit Outcome; as well as resolution 60/265 adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 30 June 2006,

*Reiterating* the recommendations of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, adopted at the Second World Assembly on Ageing in 2002, and the respective regional initiatives of 2003 and 2007 for its implementation, in particular the Brasilia Declaration adopted at the second Regional Intergovernmental Conference on Ageing in Latin America and the Caribbean, held in Brasilia from 4 to 6 December 2007,

*Reaffirming* the commitments of the Platform for Action of the Fourth World Conference on Women, held in Beijing in October 1995, and the Quito Consensus adopted at the tenth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean, held in Quito in August 2007,

*Considering* the agreements adopted at the ninth meeting of the Executive Committee of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, held in Santiago from 20 to 22 April 2010; the conclusions of the seminars and workshops held by the Commission in 2008 and 2009 on the 2010 round of censuses, in the areas of ethnic approach, census mapping, and internal and international migration and other forms of territorial mobility; as well as the technical recommendations of the workshop Follow-up to the progress made in preparation for the 2010 census round in Latin America: Working Group on Censuses of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC, held in June 2009,

*Recalling* the conclusions of the High-Level Dialogue on International Migration and Development held in September 2006 and the outcome of the thirty-ninth session of the Commission on Population and Development and its consideration of the issue of international migration and development, and resolution 615(XXXI) on international migration adopted at the thirty-first session of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean held in Montevideo in March 2006,

*Bearing in mind* that draft resolution V “Future Implementation of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing 2002”, adopted at the forty-eighth session of the Commission for Social

Development,<sup>1</sup> decided that the procedure for the second review and appraisal of the Madrid Plan of Action—which will conclude at its ordinary session of 2013— would follow the set procedure of the first review and appraisal exercise, and would include preparatory activities at national and regional levels, including those conducted by the regional commissions,

*Taking into consideration* resolution 644(XXXII) entitled “Population and development: priority activities for the period 2008-2010”, adopted at the thirty-second session of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, held in Santo Domingo, in June 2008,

*Taking into account* that, pursuant to resolution 644(XXXII), between September 2007 and October 2009, three meetings were held in follow-up to the Brasilia Declaration with major support from the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean and the United Nations Population Fund, with the aim of moving forward in complying with the provisions of paragraphs 25 and 26 relating to the appointment of a special rapporteur for the human rights of older persons and the promotion of an international convention on the rights of older persons within the United Nations, and that on 4 June 2009 the General Assembly of the Organization of American States adopted resolution AG/RES. 2455 (XXXIX-O/09) Human Rights and Older Persons,

*Emphasizing* that resolution 644(XXXII) recommended that the Ad Hoc Committee on Population and Development of the Economic Commission of Latin America and the Caribbean analyse the subject of population, development and health, including sexual and reproductive health, at its meeting in 2010,

*Emphasizing also* that 2009 marked the fifteenth anniversary of the International Conference on Population and Development and of the adoption of its Programme of Action and that resolution 644(XXXII) requested the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean to organize a commemorative seminar with the support of the United Nations Population Fund,

1. *Thanks and congratulates* the Latin American and Caribbean Demographic Centre (CELADE) – Population Division of ECLAC for the technical organization of the meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee on Population and Development of the Economic Commission of Latin America and the Caribbean and for the preparation of the corresponding documentation, particularly the document entitled *Population and health in Latin America and the Caribbean: outstanding matters, new challenges*,<sup>2</sup> and draws attention to the persistence of deep inequality in access to health protection, including sexual and reproductive health, for much of the population in the region’s countries;

2. *Also thanks* the United Nations Population Fund for its contribution to these activities and for the support provided, together with the secretariat, to the countries of the region in the implementation of the Cairo Programme of Action, the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing and the Brasilia Declaration;

3. *Expresses its satisfaction* with the holding of the Regional seminar on the progress made and key actions for implementation of the Cairo Programme of Action 15 years after its adoption, in October 2009 in Santiago,<sup>3</sup> and with the Caribbean subregional meeting, held in August 2009 in Antigua and Barbuda, both coordinated by the Commission and the United Nations Population Fund; recognizes the quality of the documentation presented<sup>4</sup> and endorses the conclusions of that activity; also thanks the States members and the civil society organizations for the support provided for the successful running of the seminar;

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<sup>1</sup> E/2010/26; E/CN.5/2010/9.

<sup>2</sup> LC/L.3216(CEP.2010/3).

<sup>3</sup> See LC/L.3211.

<sup>4</sup> See LC/W.311, LC/W.318 and LC/W.317.

4. *Welcomes* the recommendations set forth in the document prepared by the secretariat with the support of the United Nations Population Fund, entitled “Input for the preparation of a regional agenda for the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development: towards 2014 and beyond”,<sup>5</sup> and calls upon States members to intensify their efforts to achieve, in the next five years, the goals and objectives of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development and to fulfil the commitments undertaken in relation to the Millennium Development Goals, especially the targets concerning universal access to reproductive health;

5. *Reiterates* the importance of the Brasilia Declaration adopted at the second Regional Intergovernmental Conference on Ageing in Latin America and the Caribbean, and thanks the secretariat for its technical contribution to the organization of the follow-up meetings held during the biennium; also thanks Argentina, Brazil and Chile for supporting the conduct of those activities;

6. *Commends* the contents and recommendations of the document entitled “Strategy proposal, from the perspective of Latin America and the Caribbean, for advancing towards an international convention on the human rights of older persons”,<sup>6</sup> and asks that States members disseminate it widely, encourage its consideration in government and academic circles and in civil society, and promote national and regional dialogues on the subject;

7. *Reaffirms* the agreements established in resolution 615(XXXI), adopted at the thirty-first session of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, and urges Governments that have not yet done so to consider signing and ratifying the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families, and invites Governments that have signed the Convention to guarantee that it is fully observed;

8. *Emphasizes* the close relationship that exists between migration and human development, in particular in the context of the international financial crisis, and calls upon the countries participating in this meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee and the international community to continue their efforts to achieve effective recognition of the human rights of migrants;

9. *Urges* States members to take into account population dynamics, including the evolution of the age structure of the population, its spatial distribution and the medium- and long-term sectoral consequences of demographic changes, in the formulation and implementation of development plans, policies and programmes;

10. *Reiterates* the importance of improving data sources (which requires adequate financial and human resources), particularly population censuses, vital statistics and specialized surveys, for providing follow-up to the International Conference on Population and Development, the Fourth World Conference on Women, the Second World Assembly on Ageing and the Millennium Declaration, and insists upon the importance of developing reliable, timely and high-quality national statistical information systems for decision-making and for the formulation, follow-up and appraisal of public policies and development programmes;

11. *Suggests* that States members and the funds, programmes and specialized agencies of the United Nations and international organizations bear in mind that the development of national capabilities in the fields of demography and of population and development is essential for meeting the commitments set forth in the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development, the Beijing Platform for Action and the Millennium Development Goals;

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<sup>5</sup> LC/L.3219(CEP.2010/4).

<sup>6</sup> LC/L.3220(CEP.2010/5).

12. *Calls upon* States, in order to contribute to fulfilment of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development and the Beijing Platform for Action, to intensify measures aimed at eliminating all forms of discrimination against girls and women, to work more effectively towards equality between women and men with respect to family obligations and sexual and reproductive health, and to take action to achieve gender equality in access to and control of assets and resources, in work and remuneration, and parity in decision-making;

13. *Urges* States members and the funds, programmes and specialized agencies of the United Nations and international organizations to redouble their efforts to increase national financing for expediting the implementation of the Cairo Programme of Action;

14. *Requests* the secretariat to continue providing technical assistance to the Working Group on Censuses of the Statistical Conference of the Americas for the promotion and development of initiatives to support the countries in planning and conducting the 2010 round of population and housing censuses, and for the use, dissemination and analysis of census data;

15. *Calls upon* the secretariat to study the possibility of implementing a strategy for human resources development in the field of population and development and of imparting a new regional training course on demographic analysis, orientated towards analysis of the 2010 round of censuses; and urges the funds, programmes and specialized agencies of the United Nations and international organizations to lend their full support in order to obtain the financial resources needed to initiate these activities as soon as possible;

16. *Requests* the secretariat to continue to give priority, in coordination with the Presiding Officers of the Ad Hoc Committee and with the support of the United Nations Population Fund, to the following issues from a gender perspective: status, determinants and implications of demographic trends; demographic dynamics, equity and poverty; ageing; indigenous peoples and Afro-descendent populations in Latin America; international and internal migration; human resources development in the fields of demography and of population and development; the 2010 round of population and housing censuses and vital statistics, young people, sexual and reproductive health with an emphasis on rights and maternal mortality;

17. *Urges* the countries to afford priority to young people in their policies and programmes, especially with respect to sexual and reproductive health, violence and addiction, and notes with satisfaction the initiative of the Government of Mexico to hold, with the support of the United Nations Population Fund and other agencies of the United Nations system, the World Conference on Youth, which will take place in the framework of the International Year of Youth beginning in August 2010;

18. *Calls upon* the secretariat to make particular efforts to examine the challenges posed to countries by the relationship between population, territorial dimensions and development, with an emphasis on vulnerable geographic areas and on the consequences of natural disasters and reconstruction efforts;

19. *Encourages* the secretariat to continue coordinating its efforts with those of other international and multilateral agencies in order to pursue priority activities in benefit of States members, through inter-agency groups and the promotion of South-South cooperation;

20. *Decides* to incorporate into the agendas of the ordinary meetings of the Ad Hoc Committee on Population and Development of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean regional follow-up to the issues of indigenous peoples and Afro-descendent populations in Latin America, in accordance with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, adopted by General Assembly resolution 61/295 of 13 September 2007, and the Durban

Declaration and Programme of Action, adopted at the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance held in 2001;

21. *Urges* the secretariat to continue providing technical support to the countries for the implementation of the Brasilia Declaration, with particular reference to the areas of public policies and their financing, information, research and human rights; also requests the secretariat to organize, with the support of the United Nations Population Fund, an Open-ended Meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Ad Hoc Committee in 2012 in the framework of the second review and appraisal of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing;

22. *Declares* that the countries present at this meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee on Population and Development of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean agree upon the importance of moving towards the preparation of an international convention of the rights of older persons and requests the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean to convey to the Secretary-General of the United Nations the desire of the countries present at this meeting that a working group be established to spearhead the preparation of an international accord to protect the rights of older persons;

23. *Requests* that, at the next meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee, the secretariat report on the activities conducted in the substantive areas mentioned in the above paragraphs;

24. *Decides* that, at its next ordinary meeting, to be held in 2012, the Ad Hoc Committee will analyse the issue of population, territorial dimensions and development, in order to continue advancing towards the definition of a regional agenda for population and development beyond 2014 and will examine the proposals made by the countries regarding priorities and future actions in this area with a view to holding a regional meeting in 2013 that would generate inputs for the activities to be conducted in 2014 on the occasion of the twentieth anniversary of the International Conference on Population and Development; also requests the secretariat to prepare the corresponding substantive documents in collaboration with the United Nations Population Fund.