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**Presiding Officers
of the Regional
Conference on Women**
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ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA



A. BACKGROUND AND OBJECTIVES

The Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean is a subsidiary body of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) that brings together government representatives to monitor compliance with international and regional agreements on gender equality and to promote the incorporation of the gender perspective and the guarantee of women's human rights in public policies in countries of the region, in order to make progress towards women's autonomy.

At their fifty-sixth meeting, held on 5 and 6 October 2017 in Havana, the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean agreed to convene their fifty-seventh meeting at ECLAC headquarters in Santiago.

The fifty-seventh meeting of the Presiding Officers will be devoted to outlining preparations for the fourteenth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean (Santiago, 2019), and presenting and reviewing progress of the working group on the regional fund in support of women's and feminist organizations and movements, among other matters.

B. PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Report by the secretariat on the activities carried out since the fifty-sixth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean (Havana, 5 and 6 October 2017).
3. Report on the outcomes of the meetings of other subsidiary bodies of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) and of intergovernmental meetings held since the fifty-sixth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean.
4. Report on the United Nations Joint Global Programme on Essential Services for Women and Girls Subject to Violence.
5. Report of the working group on the regional fund in support of women's and feminist organizations and movements.
6. Preparations for the fourteenth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean (Santiago, 2019).
7. Discussion on women's autonomy in changing economic scenarios in the framework of preparations for the fourteenth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean (Santiago, 2019).
8. Other matters.
9. Adoption of agreements.

C. ANNOTATIONS TO THE AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda

Delegations will have before them the provisional agenda¹ for consideration and adoption.

2. Report by the secretariat on the activities carried out since the fifty-sixth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean (Havana, 5 and 6 October 2017)

The secretariat will report on activities carried out from October 2017, when the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean held their fifty-sixth meeting, to the present.

The secretariat's report will encompass, among other topics, the technical assistance provided to governments in the region, activities relating to the Montevideo Strategy for Implementation of the Regional Gender Agenda within the Sustainable Development Framework by 2030, and the work of the Gender Equality Observatory for Latin America and the Caribbean.

Reference document:

- Report of the fifty-sixth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean (Havana, 5–6 October 2017) (LC/MDM.56/3)

3. Report on the outcomes of the meetings of other subsidiary bodies of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) and of intergovernmental meetings held since the fifty-sixth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean

Pursuant to agreement 9 of the fifty-fifth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean, the secretariat will report on salient aspects of other intergovernmental meetings convened by ECLAC: the second session of the Regional Conference on Social Development in Latin America and the Caribbean (Montevideo, 25–27 October 2017), the special meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean (Santiago, 7–9 November 2017), the ninth meeting of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC (Aguascalientes, Mexico, 14–16 November 2017), the ninth meeting of the negotiating committee of the regional agreement on access to information, participation and justice in environmental matters in Latin America and the Caribbean (San José, 28 February–4 March 2018), the second meeting of the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development (Santiago, 18–20 April 2018), the Sixth Ministerial Conference on the Information Society in Latin America and the Caribbean (Cartagena de Indias, Colombia, 18–20 April 2018) and the thirty-sixth session of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (Havana, 7–11 May 2018). A report will also be given on the third session of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean (Lima, 7–9 August 2018).

¹ LC/MDM.57/1/Rev.1.

Reference documents:

- Report of the second session of the Regional Conference on Social Development in Latin America and the Caribbean (Montevideo, 25–27 October 2017) (LC/CDS.2/4/Rev.1)
- Report of the special meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean (Santiago, 7–9 November 2017) (LC/MDP-E/4)
- Report of the ninth meeting of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (Aguascalientes, Mexico, 14–16 November 2017) (LC/CEA.9/7)
- Regional Agreement on Access to Information, Public Participation and Justice in Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/PUB.2018/8)
- Intergovernmentally agreed conclusions and recommendations of the second meeting of the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development (LC/FDS.2/5)
- Report of the Sixth Ministerial Conference on the Information Society in Latin America and the Caribbean (Cartagena de Indias, Colombia, 18–20 April 2018) (LC/CMSI.6/7)
- Resolutions adopted at the thirty-seventh session of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean

4. Report on the United Nations Joint Global Programme on Essential Services for Women and Girls Subject to Violence

Under this agenda item, representatives of Guatemala, Panama, Peru and Uruguay will share their country's experiences in incorporating a quality-service and gender-responsive approach in health systems. This will be followed by an opportunity for questions and comments.

5. Report of the working group on the regional fund in support of women's and feminist organizations and movements

Further to the agreements contained in paragraphs 10 and 11 of resolution 6(XIII) adopted at the thirteenth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean and agreement 15 of the fifty-sixth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean, the representative of Mexico will present a progress report on the working group on the regional fund in support of women's and feminist organizations and movements.

Following this, the delegations of the countries and specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system will have the opportunity to make statements.

6. Preparations for the fourteenth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean (Santiago, 2019)

In fulfilment of the request set forth in agreement 14 of the fifty-sixth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean, the secretariat will present a road map for the preparatory process for the fourteenth session of the Regional Conference on

Women in Latin America and the Caribbean, which will be held in 2019 in Santiago. After the presentation, the floor will be offered to country delegations wishing to make statements, followed by the funds, programmes and specialized agencies of the United Nations system.

7. Discussion on women's autonomy in changing economic scenarios in the framework of preparations for the fourteenth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean (Santiago, 2019)

Pursuant to agreements 9, 13 and 14 of the fifty-sixth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean and as a contribution to the discussion on the theme to be addressed at the fourteenth session of the Conference, a discussion will be held on women's autonomy in changing economic scenarios. Following an initial introduction on the theme, women ministers from Latin America will present their views in the first session. The second will focus specifically on the Caribbean perspective and the third will be devoted to the views of women parliamentarians from the region, with the support of ParlAmericas.

8. Other matters

Under this item, delegations will consider any other issues they may wish to raise.

9. Adoption of agreements

The Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean will consider and adopt the agreements of their fifty-seventh meeting.