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**676(XXXV) ECLAC CALENDAR OF CONFERENCES
FOR THE PERIOD 2015-2016**

The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,

Recalling resolution 419(PLEN.14) of the Committee of the Whole of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean on the rationalization of the institutional structure and the pattern of meetings of the system of the Commission, in which it decided that, at each of the Commission's regular sessions, the complete calendar of conferences and meetings planned up to the next regular session should be considered,

Taking into account resolution 489(PLEN.19) on the Commission's intergovernmental structure and functions, in which it was recommended that the current institutional structure should be maintained,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 40/243 entitled "Pattern of conferences" and the provision concerning the principle of rotation of the venue for the sessions of the Commission as laid down in rule 2 of its rules of procedure and reiterated in its resolution 480(XXI),

Taking into account resolution 553(XXVI) on the reform of the United Nations and its impact on the Commission, in which it was recommended that the current pattern of conferences of the Commission's system should continue to serve as a basis for maintaining the simplicity, effectiveness and flexibility of its work,

Bearing in mind the resolutions and decisions of the Economic and Social Council and of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean that establish and govern the periodicity of the meetings of subsidiary bodies of the Commission,

Bearing in mind also agreement 29 adopted by the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean at their forty-second meeting, held in Santiago in 2008, and agreement 16 adopted by the Executive Committee of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Commission at its eighth meeting, held in Santo Domingo in 2008, whereby these bodies decided to employ documents in electronic format for their future meetings, for economic and environmental reasons,¹

Having examined the proposed calendar of the Commission's intergovernmental conferences for 2015-2016, as set forth in annex 6 of the relevant document,²

Considering the objectives and priorities established in the subprogrammes of the work programme approved by the member States at the thirty-fifth session of the Commission,

¹ See Report of the eighth meeting of the Executive Committee of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, Santo Domingo, 22-24 October 2008 (LC/L.2994), Santiago, Chile, 2009; and Report of the forty-second meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean, Santiago, 4-5 December 2008 (LC/L.3027), Santiago, Chile, 2009.

² See the Proposed calendar of conferences of ECLAC for the period 2015-2016. Note by the secretariat (LC/G.2589(SES.35/6)).

1. *Reaffirms* the decision to maintain the current intergovernmental structure and the existing pattern of meetings and approves the calendar of conferences of the Commission as it appears in the annex to this resolution, along with the observations and suggestions included in the report of the thirty-fourth session of the Commission;
2. *Reaffirms also* that the Commission's current conference servicing system has proved to be efficient in substantive and organizational terms as well as cost-effective, and recommends that these tasks continue to be the responsibility of the Executive Secretary with a view to an ongoing and sustained improvement in those services;
3. *Reaffirms further* the importance of continuing to entrust the Commission with the task of organizing and holding regional and subregional meetings to prepare for and follow up on world conferences of the United Nations in the economic, social and sustainable development fields;
4. *Decides*, for economic and environmental reasons, to employ documents in electronic format for the sessions of the Commission and meetings of the subsidiary bodies of the Commission, starting with the thirty-sixth session of the Commission;
5. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to submit to the relevant United Nations bodies such proposals as may be necessary to ensure implementation of the calendar of conferences as approved;
6. *Calls upon* the Executive Secretary to report to the Commission at its thirty-sixth session on the implementation of this resolution.

Annex

**ECLAC CALENDAR OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONFERENCES
FOR THE PERIOD 2015-2016**

Year	Title	Place and date	Legislative authority	Source of funding
2015	Twentieth session of the Committee of High-level Government Experts (CEGAN)	^{a b}	ECLAC resolutions 310(XIV); 419(PLEN.14); 422(XIX), para. 204; 425(XIX), 489(PLEN.19) and 553(XXVI)	ECLAC regular budget
2015	Central American Economic Cooperation Committee	^{a b}	ECLAC resolutions 9(IV) and 553(XXVI)	ECLAC regular budget
2015	Twenty-sixth session of the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee (CDCC)	^{a b}	ECLAC resolutions 358(XVI); 419(PLEN.14); 489(PLEN.19) and 553(XXVI)	ECLAC regular budget
2015	Fourth Regional Intergovernmental Conference on Ageing in Latin America and the Caribbean	^{a b}	ECLAC resolutions 590(XXIX); 604(XXX); 616(XXXI); 644(XXXII); and 657(XXXIII)	ECLAC regular budget
2015	Fourteenth meeting of the Executive Committee of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC	^{a b}	ECLAC resolution 580(XXVIII) and Economic and Social Council resolution 2000/7	ECLAC regular budget
2015	Fifty-second meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean	^{a b}	Regional Plan of Action on the Integration of Women into Latin American Economic and Social Development, para. 88.2	ECLAC regular budget
2015	Fifteenth Meeting of the Regional Council for Planning of ILPES	Quito, November	ECLAC resolutions 351(XVI) and 553(XXVI)	ECLAC and ILPES regular budget
2015	Twenty-eighth session of the Committee of the Whole of ECLAC	United Nations Headquarters, New York ^b	Economic and Social Council Resolution 106(VI) (para 3); ECLAC resolutions 419(PLEN.14) and 489(PLEN.19)	Regular budget
2015	Seventeenth meeting of the Monitoring Committee of the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee (CDCC)	^{a b}	ECLAC resolutions 358(XVI); 419(PLEN.14); 489(PLEN.19) and 553(XXVI)	ECLAC regular budget
2015	Fifty-third meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean	^{a b}	Regional Plan of Action on the Integration of Women into Latin American Economic and Social Development, para. 88.2	ECLAC regular budget

Annex (continued)

Year	Title	Place and date	Legislative authority	Source of funding
2015	Twenty-first session of the Committee of High-level Government Experts (CEGAN)	^{a b}	ECLAC resolutions 310(XIV); 419(PLEN.14); 422(XIX), para 204; 425(XIX), 489(PLEN.19) and 553(XXVI)	ECLAC regular budget
2015	Regional Implementation Forum on Sustainable Development in Latin America and the Caribbean	^{a b}	Resolution 602(XXX)	Regular budget
2015	Fifth Ministerial Conference on the Information Society in Latin America and the Caribbean	Mexico ^b	Resolution 610(XXX)	Extrabudgetary resources
2015	Central American Economic Cooperation Committee	^{a b}	ECLAC resolutions 9(IV) and 553(XXVI)	ECLAC regular budget
2015	Eighth meeting of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC	^{a b}	Economic and Social Council resolution 2000/7	ECLAC regular budget
2015	Fifteenth meeting of the Executive Committee of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC	^{a b}	Economic and Social Council resolution 2000/7	ECLAC regular budget
2015	Second session of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean	Mexico ^b	Agreement 1, Meeting of the ECLAC Ad Hoc Committee on Population and Development (Quito, 6 July 2012); Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development (Montevideo, 12 to 15 August 2013)	ECLAC regular budget
2016	Thirteenth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean	Uruguay ^b	Regional Plan of Action on the Integration of Women into Latin American Economic and Social Development, para. 88.2	ECLAC regular budget
2016	Twenty-eighth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Council for Planning of ILPES	^{a b}	ECLAC resolutions 351(XVI) and 553(XXVI)	Regular budget of ILPES and ECLAC
2016	Twenty-second session of the Committee of High-level Government Experts (CEGAN)	^{a b}	ECLAC resolutions 310(XIV); 419(PLEN.14); 422(XIX), para. 204; 425(XIX), 489(PLEN.19) and 553(XXVI)	ECLAC regular budget
2016	Central American Economic Cooperation Committee	^{a b}	ECLAC resolutions 9(IV) and 553(XXVI)	ECLAC regular budget

Annex (concluded)

Year	Title	Place and date	Legislative authority	Source of funding
2016	Fifty-fourth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean	^{a b}	Regional Plan of Action on the Integration of Women into Latin American Economic and Social Development, para. 88.2	ECLAC regular budget
2016	Meeting of the Conference on Science, Innovation and Information and Communications Technologies	^{a b}	ECLAC resolution 672(XXXIV) and Economic and Social Council resolution 2012/35	ECLAC regular budget
2016	Thirty-sixth session of ECLAC	^{a b}	Economic and Social Council resolution 106(VI)	ECLAC regular budget
2016	Twenty-seventh session of the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee (CDCC)	^{a b}	ECLAC resolutions 358(XVI); 419(PLEN.14); 489(PLEN.19) and 553(XXVI)	ECLAC regular budget
2016	Second meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean	^{a b}	Agreement 1, Meeting of the ECLAC Ad Hoc Committee on Population and Development (Quito, 6 July 2012); Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development (Montevideo, 12 to 15 August 2013)	ECLAC regular budget
2016	Sixteenth meeting of the Executive Committee of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC	^{a b}	Economic and Social Council resolution 2000/7	ECLAC regular budget
2016	Fifty-fifth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean	^{a b}	Regional Plan of Action on the Integration of Women into Latin American Economic and Social Development, para. 88.2	ECLAC regular budget

^a Place to be determined.

^b Date to be determined.

**677(XXXV) REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON WOMEN IN LATIN AMERICA
AND THE CARIBBEAN**

The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,

Recalling its resolution 558(XXVI), in which it adopted the Regional Programme of Action for the Women of Latin America and the Caribbean, 1995-2001,

Recalling also Economic and Social Council resolution 1997/61 on the integrated and coordinated implementation and follow-up of the major United Nations conferences and summits,

Recalling further the agreements adopted by States that are parties to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women and its Optional Protocol, the Inter-American Convention on the Prevention, Punishment and Eradication of Violence against Women and the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action,

Bearing in mind that the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean adopted the Santo Domingo Consensus¹ at its twelfth session, held in Santo Domingo from 15 to 18 October 2013,

Bearing in mind also that, since the preceding session of the Commission, the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean, in its capacity as a subsidiary body of the Commission, has held two meetings of the Presiding Officers: the forty-eighth meeting in Santiago on 7 and 8 November and the forty-ninth meeting in Santo Domingo, on 14 October 2013,

Having in mind the agreements adopted at those meetings, which are reflected in the respective reports,²

Taking into account the work carried out by the Commission and the other agencies which support the Gender Equality Observatory for Latin America and the Caribbean, and the considerable progress achieved in disseminating and redesigning the Observatory,

Taking note of the initiatives of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean with regard to mainstreaming the gender perspective,

1. *Reaffirms* the Santo Domingo Consensus, as adopted by the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean at its twelfth session, and pledges to advocate its implementation as a fitting regional policy instrument for gender equality and equity in the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean;

¹ See the Report of the twelfth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/L.3789).

² See the Report of the forty-eighth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/L.3578); and the Report of the forty-ninth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/L.3769).

2. *Welcomes* the progress made since the adoption of the Santo Domingo Consensus at the twelfth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean and the progress in relation to the agreements adopted by other subsidiary bodies, such as the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean and the Statistical Conference of the Americas;
3. *Accepts* the proposal of the member countries to hold preparatory meetings for the thirteenth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean during the first half of 2015;
4. *Draws attention to* the importance that the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean has afforded to the post-2015 development agenda by making it a central theme in agreement 124 of the Santo Domingo Consensus, in which the countries agreed to “support the inclusion of the issue of gender equality and women’s empowerment in the post-2015 development agenda”;
5. *Recommends* recognizing the vital importance of mainstreaming gender equality and the empowerment of women in the post-2015 development agenda, and in future development goals, as well as promoting a specific goal to foster equality between men and women;
6. *Commends* the Commission on the progress it has made in implementing the gender mainstreaming strategy and emphasizes the need to strengthen work in conjunction with Governments, economic policymakers and machineries for the advancement of women;
7. *Recognizes* the role of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, through its Division for Gender Affairs, in shedding light on gender affairs at the first session of the Regional Conference on Population and Development of the Commission, held in Montevideo from 12 to 15 August 2013;
8. *Acknowledges* the role played by the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, through its Division for Gender Affairs, in the work relating to gender statistics in the region and its active participation in the Statistical Conference of the Americas, specifically with respect to the Working Group on Gender Statistics; in the Fourth Ministerial Conference on the Information Society in Latin America and the Caribbean, held in Montevideo from 3 to 5 April 2013; and in the first session of the Regional Conference on Population and Development of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, held in Montevideo from 12 to 15 August 2013;
9. *Recommends* that the delegations participating in the thirteenth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean bear in mind and promote gender balance in their composition;
10. *Calls for* active participation in the thirteenth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean, which will be held in Uruguay in 2016.

**678(XXXV) STATISTICAL CONFERENCE OF THE AMERICAS OF
THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR LATIN AMERICA
AND THE CARIBBEAN**

The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,

Recalling resolution 2000/7 of the United Nations Economic and Social Council, whereby the Council approved the establishment of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean as a subsidiary body of the Commission,

Bearing in mind Economic and Social Council resolution 2006/6 on strengthening statistical capacity,

Bearing in mind also that the objectives of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean include the preparation of a biennial programme of regional and international cooperation activities to meet the needs of the countries of the region, subject to the availability of resources,

Taking into account that, in its capacity as a subsidiary body of the Commission, the Statistical Conference of the Americas held its seventh meeting in Santiago, from 5 to 7 November 2013, and on that occasion adopted the biennial programme of regional and international cooperation activities, 2014-2015 and the proposed guidelines for the functioning of the working groups of the Statistical Conference of the Americas,¹

Taking into account also that, since the preceding session of the Commission, the Executive Committee of the Statistical Conference of the Americas held its twelfth meeting in Pucón, Chile, from 24 to 26 April 2013,

Considering that, on those occasions, a number of agreements were adopted which are reflected in the respective reports,²

Recognizing the major challenges facing official statistics in the region in relation to the implementation of the 2008 System of National Accounts, the generation of information for monitoring fulfilment of the Millennium Development Goals and preparation for the new requirements arising in terms of statistics in relation to the post-2015 development agenda, and the growing demand for statistical data and indicators in new areas, such as the environment, social development and the labour market, information and communications technologies, gender affairs, public safety and justice, and South-South cooperation,

¹ See the Report of the seventh meeting of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/L.3771).

² See the Report of the twelfth meeting of the Executive Committee of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/L.3668); and the Report of the seventh meeting of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/L.3771).

Recognizing also the increasing importance of reliable, good-quality, timely, disaggregated public statistics and the growing need to provide these for the sake of transparency, accountability of the public authorities and the evaluation of public policy outcomes, which are key elements for enhancing democracy in the region,

Having reviewed the biennial programme of regional and international cooperation activities of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, 2014-2015,³ adopted at the seventh meeting of the Statistical Conference,

1. *Takes note* of the reports of the seventh meeting of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean and of the twelfth meeting of its Executive Committee;

2. *Expresses its satisfaction* at the increasing consolidation of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Commission as the intergovernmental body that coordinates international statistical activities in Latin America and the Caribbean and fosters the strengthening of national statistical offices and national statistical systems;

3. *Calls again upon* the Governments of the region to acknowledge the importance of the work of national statistical systems and the challenges they face in producing relevant, timely and good-quality empirical information for public policy design and evaluation , and in ensuring accountability to citizens to enable them to take informed decisions; and accordingly requests that the necessary resources be made available and a suitable legal and institutional framework be consolidated, so that the public departments working on statistics may form an effective system and operate in a coordinated manner under the leadership of the statistical office or institute;

4. *Expresses its satisfaction* at the conduct of activities for the implementation of the Code of Good Practice in Statistics in Latin America and the Caribbean, and in particular the forthcoming global evaluations and the pursuit of cooperation for implementing the Code;

5. *Requests* the Governments to engage with statistical offices or institutes in the preparation of national reports produced in the framework of follow-up to summits, conferences and internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals, and in the preparation of suggestions and proposals for the formulation of the post-2015 development agenda;

6. *Expresses its satisfaction* at the inclusion in the activities of the Conference of the analysis of new thematic areas and methodologies that enable better tracking of economic, social and environmental matters, such as new approaches to poverty, the improvement of statistics on time use and unpaid work, the measurement of public safety and justice, the measurement of disability, the quantification of South-South cooperation and the development of basic economic statistics, and those involved in the implementation of the System of Environmental-Economic Accounting, among other matters.

³ See the Report on the implementation of the 2012-2013 biennial programme of regional and international cooperation activities and the draft 2014-2015 biennial programme of regional and international cooperation activities of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC (LC/L.3664(CEA.7/3)).

**679(XXXV) SUPPORT FOR THE WORK OF THE LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN
INSTITUTE FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PLANNING**

The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,

Recalling its resolution 340(AC.66) of 25 January 1974, in which it directed that the Latin American and Caribbean Institute for Economic and Social Planning should become a permanent institution of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean with its own identity and directly responsible to the Executive Secretary of the Commission,

Reiterating its recognition to the Governments of the States members of the Regional Council for Planning and its Presiding Officers for the valuable support they provide to the Institute in terms of both guidance and regular financing,

Noting that, in its capacity as a subsidiary body of the Commission, the Regional Council for Planning held its fourteenth meeting in Brasilia on 22 November 2013,

Considering that, on that occasion, a number of agreements were adopted which are reflected in the relevant report,¹

1. *Takes note* of the agreements adopted at the fourteenth meeting of the Regional Council for Planning of the Latin American and Caribbean Institute for Economic and Social Planning held in Brasilia on 22 November 2013;

2. *Notes with satisfaction* the strategic priorities for the work of the Institute, which include promoting joint planning efforts at the regional and subregional levels and within groupings of countries with a view to strengthening the Latin American and Caribbean integration process;

3. *Expresses its conviction* that the policies adopted by States should be geared towards long-term aims and afford increasing attention to building visions for the future, centred on reducing inequalities, promoting the prosperity of their peoples and furthering sustainable development;

4. *Acknowledges* the importance of development planning as a tool for carrying forward the post-2015 development agenda;

5. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Governments of the States members of the Regional Council for Planning for their contributions to the regular system of Government funding, which provides financing for a large share of the Institute's programme of work;

6. *Expresses its satisfaction* with the support provided by the Office of the Executive Secretary of the Commission for the activities of the Institute and requests the Executive Secretary to continue to support its work with human and financial resources so that it may conduct its activities effectively;

¹ See the Report of the fourteenth meeting of the Regional Council for Planning of the Latin American and Caribbean Institute for Economic and Social Planning (ILPES) (LC/L.3782).

7. *Reiterates* the recommendation that the Institute should strengthen its capacity as the body responsible for training within the system of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean and should broaden the activities it conducts in that area in collaboration with the subregional headquarters, divisions of the Commission and other international institutions;

8. *Expresses* its satisfaction on the election of Presiding Officers to serve on the Regional Council for Planning for the period 2014-2017;

9. *Commends* the Institute upon its creation of a digital repository of development plans, which forms part of the medium-term strategic proposal for cooperation by the Institute with the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean, adopted by virtue of resolution CRP/XIV/01;

10. *Recommends* that the Institute compile, systematize and contribute to the dissemination of methodological innovations in relation to development planning which are being implemented in Latin America and the Caribbean, with a view to taking a comprehensive and multidisciplinary approach to current and emerging challenges facing the countries in the region;

11. *Requests* the Executive Secretary of the Commission and the Chief of the Institute to engage in a process of consultation and dialogue with national planning authorities with a view to identifying national, subregional and regional priorities in the area of development planning;

12. *Decides* to convene the twenty-fourth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Council for Planning in Guatemala on 19 and 20 June 2014, and the fifteenth meeting of the Regional Council for Planning of the Institute in Quito, on 23 and 24 November 2015.

680(XXXV) CARIBBEAN DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION COMMITTEE

The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,

Recalling its resolution 358(XVI) of 1975 establishing the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee as a subsidiary body of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean to coordinate activities relating to development and cooperation in that subregion,

Recognizing the important role of the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee as a forum in which the Governments of the subregion exchange information and share experiences with a view to addressing the economic, social and environmental challenges to achieving sustainable development,

Bearing in mind that the Monitoring Committee of the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee held its sixteenth meeting in Georgetown on 11 July 2013, and the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee held its twenty-fifth session in Kingston on 25 April 2014, and that, on those occasions, they adopted conclusions and resolutions, which appear in their respective reports,¹

Recalling that the Caribbean Development Roundtable, which brings together high-level experts and policymakers to consider key issues relating to development in the subregion, was first established by the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee in March 2010,²

Recognizing the Caribbean Development Roundtable as a valuable forum for fostering strategic thinking and stimulating the consideration of policy options to address critical Caribbean development challenges, and as a mechanism for forging partnerships between Latin America and the Caribbean through dialogue and engagement,

Endorsing the tribute paid at the third Caribbean Development Roundtable, held in Kingston from 23 to 24 April 2014, to the late Norman Girvan, champion of Caribbean development and of regional integration in Latin America and the Caribbean,

Highlighting the positive contribution made by the third Caribbean Development Roundtable to the consideration of key issues on the sustainable development agenda of Caribbean small island developing States,

1. *Takes note* of the recommendations formulated by the Monitoring Committee at its sixteenth meeting and the resolutions adopted by the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee at its twenty-fifth session;

2. *Welcomes* the convening of the Caribbean Development Roundtable on a biennial basis and calls on development partners to work in collaboration with the members of the Commission in support of these meetings;

¹ Draft report of the twenty-fifth session of the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee and Report of the sixteenth meeting of the Monitoring Committee of the CDCC (LC/CAR/L.417).

² See resolution 73(XXIII), adopted by the Committee at its twenty-third session, held in St. George's on 15 and 17 March 2010 (LC/CAR/L.257).

3. *Reaffirms* the key role of the Commission, particularly through its subregional headquarters for the Caribbean, in coordinating development support for the subregion, in collaboration with the agencies, funds and programmes of the United Nations system and through direct engagement with Caribbean development partners, including the Caribbean Community and the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States;

4. *Commends* the subregional headquarters for the Caribbean on its efforts to strengthen and fully operationalize the Regional Coordination Mechanism in order to monitor and promote the implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, and to facilitate the preparations for the Third International Conference on Small Island Developing States, to be held from 1 to 4 September 2014 in Apia;

5. *Welcomes* the transfer of the Disaster Assessment Unit from the headquarters of the Commission in Santiago to the subregional headquarters for the Caribbean in Port of Spain and its full operationalization and takes note with satisfaction of the updated Handbook for Disaster Assessment;³

6. *Welcomes also* the role that the Commission, particularly through its subregional headquarters for the Caribbean, is mandated to play in incorporating the needs of the small island developing States in the post-2015 development agenda;

7. *Urges* the Executive Secretary to employ all measures necessary to ensure the full implementation of the resolutions adopted by the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee at its twenty-fifth session, the recommendations formulated by the Monitoring Committee at its sixteenth meeting and the conclusions reached at the third Caribbean Development Roundtable.

³ LC/L.3691.

**681(XXXV) REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT
IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN**

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; resolution 65/234 adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations whereby it was decided to extend the Programme of Action and the key actions for its further implementation beyond 2014; the United Nations Millennium Declaration of September 2000; and the 2005 World Summit Outcome,

Bearing in mind that, in resolution 536(XXV), the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean adopted, in 1994, the Latin American and Caribbean Regional Plan of Action on Population and Development, by virtue of which the ECLAC sessional Ad Hoc Committee on Population and Development was established with ultimate responsibility for monitoring and reviewing issues relating to population and development; that member States requested by virtue of resolution 644(XXXII) of 2008 that the meetings of the Ad Hoc Committee should be extended by at least two days, owing to the added responsibilities assigned to it; and that the ordinary meetings of the Committee in 2010 and 2012 were therefore held independently of the thirty-third and thirty-fourth sessions of the Commission,

Recalling that, pursuant to resolution 615(XXXI) of 2006, the Committee was commissioned to monitor the issue of international migration and that in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 20 of the agreements adopted by the Ad Hoc Committee in 2010 and endorsed in resolution 657(XXXIII), it was decided to incorporate in the agenda of the ordinary sessions of the Ad Hoc Committee issues relating to indigenous peoples and Afro-descendent populations in Latin America,

Recalling also that, pursuant to resolution 670(XXXIV), it was decided that the Ad Hoc Committee on Population and Development of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean would be renamed the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean,

Noting that the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development was adopted at the first meeting of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean, held in Montevideo, from 12 to 15 August 2013,¹

Underscoring the importance of considering population factors in planning for sustainable development, in national public policies and in the proposals put forward by the Commission in the documents *Time for Equality: Closing Gaps, Opening Trails*; *Structural Change for Equality: An integrated approach to development*; and *Compacts for Equality: Towards a Sustainable Future*,

1. *Affirms* the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development and invites the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean to review, discuss, disseminate and implement the recommendations contained therein;

¹ See the Report of the first meeting of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/L.3774).

2. *Urges* active participation in the first meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean, which will be held in Santiago, from 22 to 25 July 2014, and in the second meeting of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean, to be held in Mexico in October 2015;

3. *Invites* the countries to participate resolutely in the special session of the General Assembly on the follow-up to the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development beyond 2014, which will be held in New York on 22 September 2014 in the framework of the sixty-ninth session of the United Nations General Assembly, and to renew their political support for the full accomplishment of the objectives of the Programme of Action;

4. *Also invites* the countries to participate actively in the activities in preparation for the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples as well as in the actual Conference, which will be held on 22 and 23 September 2014 in the framework of the sixty-ninth session of the United Nations General Assembly;

5. *Calls upon* those member States that adopted the San José Charter on the Rights of Older Persons in Latin America and the Caribbean to step up implementation and follow-up efforts;

6. *Reiterates* the appeal to establish a national coordinating mechanism, with the participation of civil society organizations, to facilitate the implementation and follow-up of the Cairo Programme of Action beyond 2014 and to liaise with the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean;

7. *Thanks* the United Nations Population Fund for its contribution to the activities of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean, and requests the competent funds, programmes and specialized agencies to make their contributions, as appropriate, to the activities to be carried out by the Conference.

682(XXXV) ESTABLISHMENT OF THE REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,

Recalling the World Summit for Social Development, held in Copenhagen from 6 to 12 March 1995, and the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly, entitled “World Summit for Social Development and beyond: achieving social development for all in a globalizing world”, held in Geneva from 26 June to 1 July 2000,

Reaffirming that the Copenhagen Declaration on Social Development, the Programme of Action of the World Summit for Social Development,¹ as well as other relevant internationally agreed instruments, constitute, together with the global dialogue on this issue, the basic framework for the promotion of social development for all at the national and international levels,

Recalling the United Nations Millennium Declaration² and the development goals contained therein, as well as the commitments made at the 2005 World Summit³ and at the high-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly on the Millennium Development Goals,⁴ and the outcome of the 2013 special event to follow up efforts made towards achieving the Millennium Development Goals,⁵

Bearing in mind that the year 2015 marks the twentieth anniversary of the World Summit for Social Development,

Considering that the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean has been cooperating systematically in the field of social development to facilitate inter-agency coordination among the countries of the region, international organizations and the national agencies charged with carrying out projects to promote social development,

Considering also the key role played by the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean in the region in recent years in facilitating and encouraging dialogue among representatives of the countries of the region, and thus in promoting the consolidation of institutions devoted to social development and to policies and regulatory frameworks for such activities,

Recognizing the support function performed by the United Nations regional commissions in the implementation of the outcomes of the World Summit for Social Development,

Taking into account the need to promote cooperation in the sphere of social development,

Having reviewed the proposal for the establishment of the Regional Conference on Social Development in Latin America and the Caribbean, and the proposed nature and the objectives of the Conference, as set forth in the annex to this resolution,

¹ Report of the World Summit for Social Development, Copenhagen, 6 to 12 March 1995.

² General Assembly resolution 55/2 of 8 September 2000.

³ General Assembly resolution 60/1 of 16 September 2005.

⁴ General Assembly resolution 65/1 of 22 September 2010.

⁵ General Assembly resolution 68/6 of 9 October 2013.

1. *Approves* the establishment of the Regional Conference on Social Development in Latin America and the Caribbean of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, the objectives of which are set forth in the annex to this resolution, as one of the subsidiary bodies of the Commission, bearing in mind the observations and suggestions included in the report of the thirty-fifth session of the Commission, with a view to eradicating poverty in the region and promoting decent work, equality and social inclusion;
2. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to submit such proposals as may be necessary for the establishment of the Conference to the relevant United Nations bodies for their consideration;
3. *Decides* to convene the first session of the Regional Conference on Social Development in Latin America and the Caribbean during the second half of 2015;
4. *Takes note* of the fact that the seventh meeting of the Ministerial Forum for Development in Latin America and the Caribbean will be held in Mexico on 30 and 31 October 2014 and will be a discussion platform for promoting inclusive social development in the region;
5. *Welcomes the* generous offer by the Government of Peru to host the first session of the Conference on Social Development;
6. *Invites* the agencies, funds and programmes of the United Nations system to join this initiative;
7. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to report on the fulfilment of this resolution at the thirty-sixth session of the Commission.

Annex

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN**I. Regional Conference on Social Development in Latin America and the Caribbean of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean***1. Nature*

The Regional Conference on Social Development in Latin America and the Caribbean of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean shall be a subsidiary body of the Commission that will contribute to the progress of social development policies and activities in the countries of the region.

2. Objectives

The objectives of the Conference shall be:

- (a) To promote the development of national policies on social development, bearing in mind national requirements and recommendations made by specialized agencies and other relevant organizations;
- (b) To further international, regional and bilateral cooperation among national offices and institutions and international and regional agencies to facilitate technology and knowledge transfer and joint activities in the field of social development;
- (c) To examine multidimensional poverty and make progress on poverty measurement, inequality and structural gaps, in conjunction with the relevant subsidiary bodies that conduct studies in this field, in particular the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Commission;
- (d) To exchange experiences in relation to social matters and support and provide technical inputs for the summits of Heads of State and Government of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States and other regional forums;
- (e) To contribute from the perspective of the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean to the discussions and proposals considered by the Commission on Sustainable Development.

3. Membership

The States members of the United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean will be members of the Conference.

4. Meetings of the Conference

The Conference shall hold its regular meetings every two years. The Conference may accept an invitation from the Government of a member State to hold its regular meeting in that country.

5. Presiding Officers

The Conference shall elect Presiding Officers in accordance with the regulations established by the Commission. The Chair of the Presiding Officers shall also preside over the meetings of the Conference.

6. Secretariat

The secretariat of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean shall serve as the secretariat for the Regional Conference on Social Development in Latin America and the Caribbean. The secretariat shall make available to the Conference such documents as have been approved by the Commission and the facilities necessary to carry out its work.

II. Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Social Development in Latin America and the Caribbean

1. Nature

The Conference shall appoint Presiding Officers to support it, in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 4 below.

2. Composition

The Presiding Officers shall be composed of a Chair and six members. The members shall be elected from among the member countries of the Commission. Special attention shall be devoted to ensuring that the subregional groupings of countries are duly represented among the Presiding Officers.

3. Election of the Presiding Officers and duration of mandates

At the beginning of each meeting of the Regional Conference on Social Development in Latin America and the Caribbean, the Chair of the Presiding Officers, in consultation with the Presiding Officers and the Conference, shall draw up a proposal for the election of the next Presiding Officers.

The newly elected Officers shall take up their duties upon the conclusion of the regular meeting of the Conference at which they were elected and shall remain in office until the conclusion of the next regular meeting.

The Presiding Officers, including the Chair, shall be elected by the Conference at its regular meeting for a term of two years.

The members of the Presiding Officers may serve for three successive terms. The Chair may not be re-elected to that office for a second consecutive term but may be elected to serve as one of the Presiding Officers. A Presiding Officer who has served for three successive terms may not be re-elected until two years have elapsed since the end of his or her previous mandate.

4. Duties

The Presiding Officers shall have the following duties:

- (a) To carry out the tasks assigned to them by the Regional Conference on Social Development in Latin America and the Caribbean;
- (b) To follow up on the implementation of the agreements adopted and the tasks assigned by the Regional Conference on Social Development in Latin America and the Caribbean;
- (c) To decide on the documentation required for its meetings.

5. Meetings

The Presiding Officers shall meet at least once during the interval between regular sessions of the Conference. At the meeting preceding the next session of the Regional Conference on Social Development, the Presiding Officers shall adopt a programme of activities for the Conference, which shall be submitted to the Conference at its regular meeting.

The Presiding Officers may invite to their meetings any countries or experts they consider may make a contribution to the fulfilment of their duties.

**683(XXXV) ADMISSION OF SINT MAARTEN AS AN ASSOCIATE MEMBER
OF THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR LATIN AMERICA
AND THE CARIBBEAN**

The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,

Recalling paragraph 3(a) of the terms of reference of the Economic Commission of Latin America and the Caribbean, which provide that “Any territory, or part or group thereof, within the geographic scope of the Commission’s work, may, on presentation of its application to the Commission by the member responsible for the international relations of such territory, part or group of territories, be eligible for admission by the Commission as an associate member of the Commission”,

Recognizing that Sint Maarten enjoys strong economic, cultural and social ties with the rest of the region and that it is committed to strengthening these links wherever possible,

Aware that associate membership in the Economic Commission of Latin America and the Caribbean will contribute significantly towards achieving this goal,

Welcoming the request made by the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Santiago on behalf of the Government of Sint Maarten that the latter be granted associate membership in the Commission,

Decides that Sint Maarten shall be granted associate membership in the Economic Commission of Latin America and the Caribbean.

**684(XXXV) PROGRAMME OF WORK AND PRIORITIES OF THE
ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR LATIN AMERICA AND
THE CARIBBEAN FOR THE 2016-2017 BIENNIUM**

The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,

Bearing in mind rule 24 of the rules of procedure of the Commission, the mandates issued by the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations concerning the preparation and consideration of the programmes of work of all the bodies of the system,

Bearing in mind also the outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from 20 to 22 June 2012, entitled “The future we want”,¹

Bearing in mind further that the process of negotiations to define a post-2015 development agenda is open and that the General Assembly is expected to discuss and adopt a decision on sustainable development goals at its sixty-ninth session,

Taking into account the Report of the activities of the Commission 2012-2013,²

Taking into account also that the thirty-fifth session of the Commission provides the context for the relevant intergovernmental bodies to review the Draft programme of work of the ECLAC system, 2016-2017,³ and for a regional consultation on the Proposed strategic framework for the period 2016-2017,⁴ which will be reviewed by the Committee for Programme and Coordination at its fifty-fourth session and subsequently by the General Assembly at its sixty-ninth session,

Having considered the outcomes and activities of the previous biennium and the proposed strategic framework and the work priorities for the Commission as set out in the presentation on the Draft programme of work of the ECLAC system, 2016-2017, which includes the Latin American and Caribbean Institute for Economic and Social Planning, and which updates and reinforces the priorities endorsed by the Commission at its thirty-fourth session,

Having considered also all aspects of the Draft programme of work, which further strengthens programming, results-based management and evaluation,

Bearing in mind that the basic guidelines and overarching orientation for the formulation of the Draft programme of work of the ECLAC system, 2016-2017, were drawn from the internationally agreed development goals stemming from the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic and social fields, and that equally the Draft programme of work provides scope for incorporating the new directions of the post-2015 development agenda, including the sustainable development objectives to be defined by the General Assembly in due course,

¹ General Assembly resolution 66/288 of 27 July 2012.

² LC/G.2590(SES.35/7).

³ LC/G.2588(SES.35/5).

⁴ A/69/6 (Prog. 18).

1. *Adopts* the programme of work of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, 2016-2017, in its totality, which, together with the amendments proposed and observations made in the discussions held in the plenary session and the guidance provided by the resolutions adopted at the thirty-fifth session of the Commission, shall become the legislative mandate for the execution of programmes, projects and technical cooperation activities and for the production of the publications identified therein;

2. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to submit the proposed budget for implementing the activities described in the programme of work to the relevant United Nations bodies for their consideration;

3. *Notes with interest* paragraph 100 of “The future we want”, which states that regional and subregional organizations, including the United Nations regional commissions and their subregional offices, have a significant role to play in promoting a balanced integration of the economic, social and environmental dimensions of sustainable development in their respective regions;

4. *Notes with satisfaction* the Report on the activities of the Commission from January 2012 to December 2013 and underlines the wide-ranging outcomes achieved by the Commission in the different areas of work, commending especially its results-based approach and capacity to respond to the needs of the region;

5. *Welcomes* the efforts made by the Executive Secretary to strengthen accountability and evaluation with a view to enhancing the effectiveness and relevance of the Commission to the benefit of the region’s development, and recommends pursuing those efforts;

6. *Encourages* the Executive Secretary to continue the practice of convening the Committee of the Whole in the intervals between the sessions of the Commission in order to strengthen and broaden the dialogue between member States and the secretariat on issues deemed to be relevant;

7. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to report on the progress made in implementing this resolution at the thirty-sixth session of the Commission.

The delegations of Latin America and the Caribbean,

8. *Express their concern* at the decline in funding allocated to the Commission and at the tendency for the United Nations Secretariat to relegate to the category of extrabudgetary items posts and activities previously funded under the regular budget.

**685(XXXV) ACTIVITIES OF THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR LATIN AMERICA
AND THE CARIBBEAN IN RELATION TO FOLLOW-UP TO THE MILLENNIUM
DEVELOPMENT GOALS AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE OUTCOMES
OF THE MAJOR UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCES AND SUMMITS
IN THE ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND RELATED FIELDS**

The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,

Recalling the 2005 World Summit Outcome,¹

Recalling also General Assembly resolutions 64/184, 65/1, 66/228 and 68/6 and Economic and Social Council resolution 2006/44,

Recalling further the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields, including the development goals and objectives set out therein, and recognizing the vital role played by those conferences and summits in shaping a broad development vision and in identifying commonly agreed objectives, which have contributed to improving human life in different parts of the world,

Emphasizing the need to fully implement the global partnership for development and enhance the momentum generated by the 2005 World Summit in order to operationalize and implement, at all levels, the commitments in the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits, including the 2005 World Summit, in the economic, social and related fields,

Considering the outcome document of the special event to follow up efforts made towards achieving the Millennium Development Goals,² which states that the post-2015 development agenda should reinforce the commitment of the international community to poverty eradication and sustainable development and recognizes the intrinsic interlinkage between poverty eradication and the promotion of sustainable development,

Taking into particular consideration the outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20), entitled “The future we want”,³ in reference to the significant role which the United Nations regional commissions have to play in promoting a balanced integration of the economic, social and environmental dimensions of sustainable development by facilitating institutional coherence and supporting the harmonization of development policies, plans and programmes,

1. *Requests* the secretariat to continue to cooperate with the countries of the region in the implementation and follow-up of the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields, including the 2005 World Summit Outcome;

2. *Further requests* the secretariat to continue to coordinate the preparation of annual regional inter-agency reports on the progress made towards achievement of the Millennium Development Goals, in the framework of the Regional Coordination Mechanism established pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 1998/46.

¹ General Assembly resolution 60/1 of 24 October 2005.

² General Assembly resolution 68/6 of 9 October 2013.

³ General Assembly resolution 66/288 of 27 July 2012.

**686(XXXV) APPLICATION OF PRINCIPLE 10 OF THE RIO DECLARATION
ON ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT IN LATIN AMERICA
AND THE CARIBBEAN**

The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,

Recalling the Declaration on the application of Principle 10 of the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development,¹ endorsed by 10 governments from Latin America and the Caribbean at the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from 20 to 22 June 2012, in which they reaffirmed their commitment to the rights of access to information, participation and justice regarding environmental issues, declared their willingness to work towards a regional instrument promoting the full application of those rights and requested the support of the Commission as the technical secretariat,

Considering that 18 countries have signed the Declaration to date and that it remains open for signature by all countries in the region,

Recalling paragraph 60 of the Declaration of Santiago adopted by the Heads of State and Government at the first Summit of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States, held in Santiago on 27 and 28 January 2013,

Noting that since the thirty-fourth session of the Commission three meetings of the focal points appointed by the Governments of the signatory countries of the Declaration on the application of Principle 10 of the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean have taken place: the first meeting in Santiago, from 6 to 7 November 2012; the second in Guadalajara, Mexico, from 16 to 17 April 2013; and the third in Lima, from 30 to 31 October 2013,

Noting also that the Conference on Sustainable Development in Latin America and the Caribbean: follow-up to the United Nations development agenda beyond 2015 and to Rio+20 was held in Bogota from 7 to 9 March 2013,

Considering that capacity-building and regional cooperation are essential for the successful application of Principle 10 in the region,

1. *Takes note* of the agreements adopted at the meetings of the focal points, which are reflected in the respective reports,² the road map for the creation of an instrument on Principle 10 in Latin America and the Caribbean, the Plan of Action to 2014 for the implementation of the Declaration on the application of Principle 10 of the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development in Latin America

¹ A/CONF.216.13.

² Report of the first meeting of the focal points appointed by the Governments of the signatory countries of the Declaration on the application of Principle 10 of the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/L.3565); Report of the second meeting of the focal points appointed by the Governments of the signatory countries of the Declaration on the application of Principle 10 of the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/L.3677); and Report of the third meeting of the focal points appointed by the Governments of the signatory countries of the Declaration on the application of Principle 10 of the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/L.3780).

and the Caribbean, the Lima Vision for a regional instrument on access rights relating to the environment, and the priority lines of action for capacity-building and cooperation;

2. *Reiterates* the commitment of the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean to advance towards achieving the full application of the rights of access to information, participation and justice regarding environmental issues, with a view to fostering the participation of society in the promotion of sustainable development;

3. *Underscores* the importance for the countries of the region of ensuring the sustainable management of their natural resources, for which mechanisms for informed, broad and inclusive participation are fundamental;

4. *Commends* the secretariat of the Commission on the progress made in the process towards the adoption of a regional instrument for the application of Principle 10 of the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development, which is under way in Latin America and the Caribbean;

5. *Invites* the countries in the region to participate actively in fourth meeting of the focal points appointed by the Governments of the signatory countries of the Declaration on the application of Principle 10 of the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean, to be held in November 2014 at the headquarters of the Commission in Santiago;

6. *Requests* the technical secretariat of the process to promote regional cooperation in this regard.

**687(XXXV) THE REGIONAL DIMENSION OF THE
POST-2015 DEVELOPMENT AGENDA**

The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,

Considering General Assembly resolution 66/288, “The future we want”, which emphasizes that the United Nations regional commissions have a vital role to play in promoting the balanced integration of the economic, social and environmental dimensions of sustainable development in their respective regions,

Considering also General Assembly resolution 68/6, which expresses concern about unevenness and gaps in the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals and about the immense challenges that remain, and, as the 2015 deadline approaches, unrelenting efforts are required to accelerate progress across all the Goals,

Bearing in mind that the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development acknowledges the importance of the regional dimension of sustainable development, and invites the United Nations regional commissions to contribute to the work of the forum, including through annual regional meetings, with the involvement of other relevant regional entities, major groups and other relevant stakeholders, as appropriate,

Having reviewed the document *Compacts for Equality: Towards a Sustainable Future*¹ prepared by the secretariat, which completes the trilogy of equality, together with the documents *Time for Equality: Closing Gaps, Opening Trails*² and *Structural Change for Equality: An Integrated Approach to Development*,³ presented at the thirty-third and thirty-fourth sessions of the Commission, respectively,

Considering that the documents *Time for Equality: Closing Gaps, Opening Trails* (2010), *Structural Change for Equality: An Integrated Approach to Development* (2012) and *Compacts for Equality: Towards a Sustainable Future* (2014) contain valuable reflections that can help with identifying content for a Latin American and Caribbean regional post-2015 development agenda,

1. *Requests* the secretariat of the Commission to prepare, on the basis of the deliberations at the thirty-fifth session and the content of the document *Compacts for Equality: Towards a Sustainable Future*, a report identifying areas of convergence between the countries of the region as regards the issues to be covered under the post-2015 development agenda;

2. *Also requests* that that report be submitted to Peru, in its capacity as Chair of the thirty-fifth session of the Commission, as the contribution of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean to the intergovernmental negotiation process leading towards the adoption of the post-2015 development agenda;

¹ LC/G.2586(SES.35/3).

² LC/G.2432(SES.33/3).

³ LC/G.2524(SES.34/3).

3. *Recognizes* that the session of the Commission is an important forum for regional discussion for advancing the discussions on the regional vision with respect to the post-2015 development agenda and the sustainable development goals and requests the secretariat, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 67/290, to follow up, from a regional perspective, on the relevant issues of the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development and the Economic and Social Council, within the framework of the Regional Implementation Forum on Sustainable Development, established pursuant to resolution 602(XXX), adopted in San Juan at the thirtieth session, and report on the matter at the next session.

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;

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.

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).

689(XXXV) PLACE OF THE NEXT SESSION

The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,

Bearing in mind paragraph 15 of its terms of reference and rules 1 and 2 of its rules of procedure,

Considering the invitation of the Government of Mexico to host the thirty-sixth session of the Commission,

1. *Expresses its gratitude* to the Government of Mexico for its generous invitation;
2. *Accepts* this invitation with pleasure;
3. *Recommends* that the United Nations Economic and Social Council approve the decision to hold the thirty-sixth session of the Commission in Mexico in the first semester of 2016.

690(XXXV) LIMA RESOLUTION

The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,

Recalling its resolution 553(XXVI), in which it affirmed that, in Latin America and the Caribbean, the Commission is especially well qualified to undertake the tasks entrusted to it by the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 106(VI), in the framework of a restructured United Nations, and that, therefore, ECLAC should function as a centre of excellence charged with collaborating with member States in a comprehensive analysis of development processes geared to the design, monitoring and evaluation of public policies, together with operational services in the fields of specialized information, advisory services, training and support for regional and international cooperation and coordination,

Bearing in mind the document *Time for Equality: Closing Gaps, Opening Trails* and its summary, presented by the secretariat at the thirty-third session of the Commission,¹

Bearing in mind also the document *Structural Change for Equality: An Integrated Approach to Development* and its summary, presented by the secretariat at the thirty-fourth session of the Commission,²

Bearing in mind further that the draft programme of work of the Commission for the biennium 2016-2017, as presented by the Executive Secretary,³ concentrates on such priorities as improving macroeconomic stability and further enhancing policies that reduce vulnerability and mitigate the effects of economic and financial volatility and crises; strengthening the region's access to financing for development and enhancing the financial architecture at the global, regional and domestic levels; increasing the region's productive potential and reducing productivity gaps to achieve convergence with a particular emphasis on innovation and new technologies; improving the region's position in the international economy through trade, investment, regional integration and cooperation; promoting fiscal and social compacts to improve social equality and inclusion, reduce social risks and reinforce gender mainstreaming in public policies; promoting the implementation of the resulting new set of internationally agreed sustainable development goals and the ensuing strategies and relevant public policies, including energy-efficiency policies and programmes and addressing the impacts of climate change taking into account the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development; strengthening public management to enhance the role of the State in the twenty-first century, particularly through progressive fiscal policies; improving institution-building related to the management of transboundary issues and the provision of public global goods at the regional level,

Having reviewed the document *Compacts for Equality: Towards a Sustainable Future* and its summary,⁴ prepared by the secretariat, which completes the trilogy of equality together with the documents *Time for Equality: Closing Gaps, Opening Trails* and *Structural Change for Equality: An Integrated Approach to Development*, presented at the thirty-third and thirty-fourth sessions, respectively,

¹ LC/G.2432(SES.33/3) and LC/G.2433(SES.33/4).

² LC/G.2524(SES.34/3) and LC/G.2525(SES.34/4).

³ LC/G.2588(SES.35/5).

⁴ LC/G.2586(SES.35/3) and LC/G.2587(SES.35/4).

1. *Welcomes* the integrated approach to development that has marked the thinking of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean since its inception, as reflected in the document *Compacts for Equality: Towards a Sustainable Future*;

2. *Recognizes* the relevance of the issues examined and supports the general tenor of the document's conclusions;

3. *Instructs* the secretariat to conduct studies and formulate public policy proposals, in close cooperation with policymakers, with a view to building national economic and social development capacities;

4. *Calls upon* the secretariat to widely disseminate the document and promote its review in the economic, academic, political, business and social spheres in the region, by means of national dialogues on the main issues covered, taking each country's national characteristics into account, and in international organizations concerned with economic development, in order to continue to foster more in-depth comparative analysis vis-à-vis countries outside the region.

**691(XXXV) MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE ON THE INFORMATION
SOCIETY IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN**

The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,

Recalling resolution 56/183 of December 2001, in which the General Assembly endorsed the proposal to hold the World Summit on the Information Society in two phases,

Bearing in mind that since 2006 the Commission on Science and Technology for Development has been mandated to serve as the focal point in the system-wide follow-up to the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society, and to advise the Economic and Social Council accordingly, in particular by formulating recommendations for improving the implementation of these outcomes,

Reiterating the principles and objectives agreed at the first and second phases of the World Summit, held respectively in Geneva in December 2003 and in Tunis in November 2005, in order to harness the potential of information and communication technologies in order to promote fulfilment of the Millennium Development Goals,

Bearing in mind the need to facilitate forums for dialogue to promote coordination between different countries in order to encourage the formulation and improvement of national policies for the development of the information and knowledge society,

Recalling the Bávaro Declaration, adopted at the Regional Preparatory Ministerial Conference of Latin America and the Caribbean for the World Summit on the Information Society, held in Bávaro, Dominican Republic, in January 2003; the Rio de Janeiro Commitment and the Plan of Action for the Information Society in Latin America and the Caribbean, eLAC2007, adopted at the Regional Preparatory Ministerial Conference of Latin America and the Caribbean for the second phase of the World Summit on the Information Society, held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in June 2005; the San Salvador Commitment and the Plan of Action for the Information Society in Latin America and the Caribbean, eLAC2010, adopted at the second Ministerial Conference on the Information Society in Latin America and the Caribbean, San Salvador, February 2008; the Lima Declaration and the Plan of Action for the Information and Knowledge Society in Latin America and the Caribbean, eLAC2015, adopted at the third Ministerial Conference on the Information Society in Latin America and the Caribbean, Lima, November 2010, and the Montevideo Declaration and the Plan of Work 2013-2015 for the implementation of the Plan of Action for the Information and Knowledge Society in Latin America and the Caribbean, eLAC2015, adopted at the fourth Ministerial Conference on the Information Society in Latin America and the Caribbean, Montevideo, April 2013,

1. *Takes note* of the Montevideo Declaration and the Plan of Work 2013-2015 for the implementation of the Plan of Action for the Information and Knowledge Society in Latin America and the Caribbean, eLAC2015;

2. *Invites* all member States to attend the preparatory meeting for the fifth Ministerial Conference on the Information Society in Latin America and the Caribbean, to be held in Costa Rica in 2014, and the Conference itself, to be held in Mexico in 2015;

3. *Thanks* the Governments of Costa Rica and Mexico for their offer to give continuity to the eLAC2015 process and to host the forthcoming ministerial meetings of the information society in Latin America and the Caribbean in 2014 and 2015, respectively;

4. *Notes with satisfaction* the joint efforts made by member States to strengthen regional collaboration in the area of the information society with a view to underscoring the advances achieved by Latin America and the Caribbean at the overall review by the General Assembly of the implementation of the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society and to participate in the discussions that will inform the process of elaborating the post-2015 development agenda;

5. *Recognizes* the importance of information and communication technologies to development and recommends that these technologies be given due consideration in the post-2015 development agenda.