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**RESOLUTION ADOPTED AT THE ELEVENTH SESSION OF THE REGIONAL
CONFERENCE ON WOMEN IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN
ON THE NEW ENTITY UN WOMEN**

The Governments of the countries participating in the eleventh session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean applaud, welcome, and congratulate the Secretary-General of the United Nations on the creation of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women), the new body established by the General Assembly by virtue of resolution 64/289 of 2 July 2010.

Moreover, they commend him for his commitment to gender equality and women's human rights and recognize his efforts to achieve parity, through the appointment of women to more than 60% of senior posts in the Organization.

In light of the forthcoming establishment of the new entity UN Women,

They urge the Secretary-General to:

1. *Strengthen* the regional intergovernmental gender architecture of the United Nations, embodied by the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean, a subsidiary body of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean. This pioneering regional forum, comprising authorities of the highest level of national machineries for the advancement of women, has functioned for over 30 years.

2. *Incorporate* substantive political agreements adopted at successive sessions of the Regional Conference into the work of the new Entity. These agreements, in particular the Mexico City Consensus, the Quito Consensus and the Brasilia Consensus, constitute the roadmap for determining the regional gender agenda and the strategies to be pursued by Governments, United Nations bodies and agencies, and civil society.



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3. Consider the possibility of appointing as head of UN Women a person from the Latin American and Caribbean region with the stature and experience required for leadership of this United Nations entity. This position calls for engagement skills of the highest level, proven managerial and fund-raising skills, commitment to the human rights of women, respect for diversity and the capacity to maintain an ongoing dialogue with Governments and civil society.

4. *Take into account*, in this connection, the long history of the feminist, women's, indigenous and Afro-descendent movements in the region, their contributions and commitment to the defence and promotion of women's rights, and the continuing underrepresentation of Latin American and Caribbean women within the United Nations system.

5. *Ensure* that the new entity promotes cooperation for development and gender equality and is endowed with the necessary financial and human resources to fulfil its objectives. To this end, increased regular and extrabudgetary resources will be needed in accordance with paragraph 26 of General Assembly resolution 64/289. This will mean combining, supplementing and augmenting the resources currently available to the agencies that are to be merged, and maintaining and boosting the level of resources required for mainstreaming the gender perspective in the other agencies and entities of the system.