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of the Regional
Conference on Women**
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AGREEMENTS

At their fifty-seventh meeting, the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean agreed to:

1. *Commend* the efforts made by the countries of the region to apply the Montevideo Strategy for the Implementation of the Regional Gender Agenda within the Sustainable Development Framework by 2030 and its contribution as a tool for fostering synergies among sustainable development plans, gender equality policies and budgets;
2. *Thank* the secretariat for its report 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, held in Havana on 5 and 6 October 2017, and for the technical and methodological support provided to the governments of the region, as well as its innovative vision for advancing women's autonomy in Latin America and the Caribbean;
3. *Request* the secretariat to promote technical assistance to the countries of the region, with particular attention to Caribbean countries, on building the capacities of gender focal points to design and implement gender equality policies and to mainstream gender equality into national development plans through multi-stakeholder participatory processes;
4. *Also request* the secretariat to promote the strengthening of national statistical systems for the production of information in order to build and further develop gender indicators with an intercultural perspective and to make all groups of women and girls statistically visible, taking their diversity into account;



5. *Request* the Division for Gender Affairs of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean and the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women, through the Global Centre of Excellence in Gender Statistics, to provide technical assistance to the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean in the production and strengthening of gender statistics necessary for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals, in particular by promoting the conduct of time-use surveys and other statistical projects included in the Montevideo Strategy, in line with the work of the Statistical Conference of the Americas;

6. *Thank* the Governments of Guatemala, Panama, Peru and Uruguay for their presentations on the United Nations Joint Global Programme on Essential Services for Women and Girls Subject to Violence, request that they share the progress presented and commend the exchange of experiences between countries of the region on various initiatives that take a comprehensive approach to ending all forms of discrimination and violence against women;

7. *Reaffirm* the need to establish shared international standards on care, prevention, protection, access to justice and reparation for women, children and adolescents who are victims of gender violence and underscore the importance of comprehensive engagement, inter-agency coordination and localization of initiatives;

8. *Reiterate* its rejection of the resurgence in discriminatory and violent patriarchal practices, discourses and cultural patterns based in the culture of privilege that restrict the full exercise of women's rights;

9. *Continue and further* its efforts to successfully mainstream the gender perspective into the discussions and agreements of the subsidiary bodies of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean and in intergovernmental meetings to ensure that the promotion of women's autonomy is reflected in the work of the Commission;

10. *Work to ensure* that the follow-up to the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development and to the Montevideo Strategy for Implementation of the Regional Gender Agenda within the Sustainable Development Framework by 2030 complement each other, so that the two instruments are mutually reinforcing;

11. *Welcome* the creation of the Regional Fund in support of Women's and Feminist Organizations and Movements, and the adoption of the document¹ which sets forth its objectives, structure and resource allocation procedures and establishes the profile of participating organizations;

12. *Thank* the Government of Mexico for its efficient coordination and preparation of the document adopted at this meeting, as well as the countries that participated in the working group on the regional fund in support of women's and feminist organizations and movements, and welcome the incorporation of Paraguay in that group;

13. *Entrust* the working group on the regional fund in support of women's and feminist organizations and movements with the task of defining the legal and operational aspects, rules of procedure and accountability mechanisms, as well as the requirements for the signing of an agreement with an administrative body;

¹ National Women's Institute (INMUJERES) of Mexico, "Regional fund in support of women's and feminist organizations and movements: Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean", 2018.

14. *Take note* of the incorporation of Ecuador and Panama and, ad referendum, of Antigua and Barbuda and Argentina, as the first members of the Board of Directors of the regional fund in support of women's and feminist organizations and movements for this period and consider these nominations, as well as those to be put forward by civil society organizations, at the fifty-eighth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean;

15. *Welcome* the report by the representative of Chile on the preparations for the fourteenth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean, to be held in Chile from 4 to 8 November 2019;

16. *Adopt* the road map for the preparatory process for the fourteenth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean and participate actively in the three subregional preparatory meetings to be held between May and July 2019 at the headquarters of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean in Santiago and at the subregional headquarters of the Commission in Mexico and Port of Spain, respectively;

17. *Express thanks* for the presentations given during the discussion on women's autonomy in changing economic scenarios as input in preparation for the fourteenth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean, and for the participation by the countries and their contribution to the dialogue;

18. *Include* among the themes to be discussed at the fourteenth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean, the contributions of the feminist economy in bringing to light the interdependence between production and social reproduction processes, the care economy, the need to further gender-sensitive financial, fiscal and trade policies, the impacts of climate change on gender equality and the linkages between women's decision-making autonomy, economic autonomy and physical autonomy;

19. *Also include* among the themes to be discussed at the fourteenth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean, as well as in the respective position document, the particularities of the Caribbean subregion, such as the effects of climate change and extreme weather events on the economic autonomy of women, and consider including in the organization of work a round table to discuss this and other issues of interest to the subregion;

20. *Request* the secretariat to prepare a guide for the drafting of voluntary reports on progress in the application of the Montevideo Strategy for the Implementation of the Regional Gender Agenda within the Sustainable Development Framework by 2030, and urge the countries to deliver voluntary reports on their progress at the fifty-eighth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean;

21. *Emphasize* the contribution that voluntary national reports will make to the discussions on the progress and challenges in the implementation of the Montevideo Strategy at the fourteenth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean;

22. *Hold* the fifty-eighth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean on 22 and 23 January 2019 at ECLAC headquarters in Santiago;

23. *Thank* the Economic Commission of Latin America and the Caribbean for organizing the fifty-seventh meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean and the Government of Chile for its hospitality.