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783(PLEN.38) PROGRAMME OF WORK AND PRIORITIES OF THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN FOR 2027

The Committee of the Whole of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,

Recalling rule 24 of the rules of procedure of the Commission and 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,

Recalling 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 and General Assembly resolutions 70/1 of 25 September 2015, “Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development” and 69/313 of 27 July 2015, “Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development (Addis Ababa Action Agenda)”, the Sevilla Commitment of the Fourth International Conference on Financing for Development, as well as the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and the Paris Agreement, adopted under the Convention,²

Recalling further paragraphs 80 and 81 of resolution 70/1 “Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”, which welcome the cooperation of regional commissions and organizations in the regional and subregional follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and encourage the regional commissions to continue supporting Member States in this regard,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 78/166 of 19 December 2023 on the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system, as well as General Assembly resolutions 72/236 of 20 December 2017, 72/279 of 31 May 2018, 73/248 of 20 December 2018, 74/297 of 11 August 2020, 75/233 of 21 December 2020, 76/220 of 17 December 2021, 77/184 of 14 December 2022, 78/166 of 19 December 2023 and 79/226 of 19 December 2024, and

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

² See FCCC/CP/2015/10/Add.1, decision 1/CP.21, annex.

Economic and Social Council resolutions 2023/31 of 26 July 2023 and 2024/19 of 23 July 2024 and previous resolutions,³

Reaffirming the role of the Commission as an essential component of the United Nations development system based on: (i) its convening function as an intergovernmental platform for policy advice and dialogue; (ii) its role as a think tank for devising analysis and policy recommendations; and (iii) its capacity to provide technical cooperation and normative and capacity-building support to its member States, with a view to achieving sustainable development in its three dimensions —economic, social and environmental— in a balanced and integrated manner at the regional level,

Emphasizing the importance of the regional space in successfully repositioning the United Nations development system by: (i) strengthening regional and subregional approaches in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, as well as the agreements and outcomes of major United Nations conferences and summits; (ii) the need to address gaps and overlaps bearing in mind that there is no “one-size-fits-all” model for the regional approach and that it is necessary to consider the specificities of each region and the strengths of its regional mechanisms; (iii) the need to preserve the existing functions already performed by the United Nations development system at the regional level, including current interactions between the regional economic commissions and member States; and (iv) the importance of ensuring adequate regular budget resources in order to fulfil the mandate of the commissions,

Having reviewed the outcomes and activities of 2024 as reflected in the *Report on the activities of the Commission, 2024*,⁴ as well as the work priorities for the Commission as set out in the draft programme of work of the ECLAC system, 2027,⁵ which includes the Latin American and Caribbean Institute for Economic and Social Planning, which updates and reinforces the priorities endorsed by the Commission at its fortieth session, and 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, 2027 incorporate the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, including the Sustainable Development Goals and targets and the means of implementation of that Agenda, the Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development, the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and the Paris Agreement, adopted under the Convention, the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework adopted under the Convention, the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa, the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015–2030, as well as the Antigua and Barbuda Agenda for Small Island Developing States: A Renewed Declaration for Resilient Prosperity, the Awaza Programme of Action for Landlocked Developing Countries for the Decade 2024–2034, the New Urban Agenda of the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III), the Buenos Aires outcome document of the second High-level United Nations Conference on South-South Cooperation, the Pact for the Future and its annexes, the Sevilla Commitment, and outcomes and results of major United Nations conferences and summits, and General Assembly resolution 66/288 of 27 July 2012, “The future we want”, by virtue of which the countries agreed to provide integrated and coordinated follow-up to the outcomes and results of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and environmental dimensions,

³ Economic and Social Council resolutions 2019/15 of 17 July 2019, 2020/23 of 22 July 2020 and 2022/25 of 29 July 2022.

⁴ LC/PLEN.38/4.

⁵ LC/PLEN.38/3.

Recognizing the efforts made by the secretariat of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean to update and align the content and modalities of the programme of work with the new requirements emerging from the aforementioned agendas, action plans and instruments,

Welcoming the convening of the eighth meeting of the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development, held from 31 March to 4 April 2025 in Santiago,

Recognizing that continued poverty and widening inequalities, and multiple and interlinked crises have severely impacted Latin America and the Caribbean and reiterating the role of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean in supporting the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, by engaging all relevant stakeholders, as appropriate,

Recognizing also the challenge to accelerate the cultural change necessary to fully implement the new management paradigm in the United Nations that promotes, inter alia, delegation of authority, transparency and accountability, sharing of best practices and lessons learned, and a culture of continuous learning,

Reiterating the importance that all entities of the United Nations development system fully support the reinvigorated resident coordinator system, including through inter-agency collaboration,

Recalling the rules of procedure of the Commission,

1. *Adopts* the programme of work of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, 2027 in its totality, which, together with the amendments proposed and observations made in the discussions held at the thirty-eighth session of the Committee of the Whole of the Commission, shall become the legislative mandate for the execution of programmes, projects and technical cooperation activities, and for the production and dissemination of a broad range of knowledge products and publications identified therein;

2. *Takes note* of agreement 1(IX) adopted at the Ninth Ministerial Conference on the Information Society in Latin America and the Caribbean, held in Santiago on 7 and 8 November 2024,⁶ and decides that the Ministerial Conference on the Information Society in Latin America and the Caribbean shall be renamed the Ministerial Conference on the Information Society and the Digital Transformation in Latin America and the Caribbean;

3. *Also takes note* of paragraph 53 of the Tlatelolco Commitment adopted at the sixteenth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean, held in Mexico City from 12 to 15 August 2025,⁷ and decides to change the name of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean in Spanish from “Conferencia Regional sobre la Mujer de América Latina y el Caribe” to “Conferencia Regional sobre las Mujeres de América Latina y el Caribe”;

4. *Emphasizes and welcomes* the fact that the draft programme of work and priorities of the system of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean for 2027 reflect the alignment and adaptation of activities, contents and modalities of the programme of work to the requirements arising from the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Sustainable Development Goals and their targets, including the transformative and accelerated action for achieving the Goals, and the Political Declaration of the high-level political forum on sustainable development convened under the auspices of the General Assembly, as well as from other internationally agreed action plans and instruments;

⁶ See the *Report on the Ninth Ministerial Conference on the Information Society in Latin America and the Caribbean* (LC/CMSI.9/5).

⁷ <https://conferenciamujer.cepal.org/16/en/documents/tlatelolco-commitment>

5. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to submit the proposed budget for implementing the activities described in the programme of work, 2027 to the relevant United Nations bodies for their consideration;
6. *Welcomes* the *Report on the activities of the Commission, 2024* and underlines the wide-ranging outcomes achieved by the Commission in the different areas of work, commending its results-based approach and capacity to respond to the needs of the member States of the region;
7. *Takes note* of the eighth report on regional progress and challenges in relation to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in Latin America and the Caribbean prepared by the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean entitled *Latin America and the Caribbean in the Final Five Years of the 2030 Agenda: Steering Transformations to Accelerate Progress*;⁸
8. *Expresses* its gratitude for 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 further;
9. *Stresses* that a downward trend in funding allocated to the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean would limit its ability to carry out the activities set forth in its programme of work, and the fulfilment of the mandates entrusted to it, and underlines the importance of ensuring the allocation of adequate regular budget resources to support the work of the Commission;
10. *Encourages* the Executive Secretary to continue the practice of convening the Committee of the Whole in the intervals between the sessions of the Commission, with a view to strengthening and broadening the dialogue between member States and the secretariat on issues deemed to be relevant;
11. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to report on the progress made in implementing this resolution at the forty-first session of the Commission.

⁸ LC/FDS.8/3.