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UNITED NATIONS



647(XXXIII) SOUTH-SOUTH COOPERATION

The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,

Considering General Assembly resolution 64/222 of 21 December 2009,¹ which endorses the Nairobi outcome document of the High-level United Nations Conference on South-South Cooperation, held in Nairobi from 1 to 3 December 2009,

Bearing in mind that paragraph 10 of that document states “We reaffirm the key role of the United Nations, including its funds, programmes, specialized agencies and regional commissions, in supporting and promoting cooperation among developing countries, while reiterating that every country has the primary responsibility for its own development...” and that the document also emphasizes the set of problems faced by middle-income countries regarding cooperation for development,

Having reviewed the document presented by the secretariat *Activities of the ECLAC system to promote and support South-South cooperation during the biennium 2008-2009*,² which reflects upon the progress and outcomes achieved during that period in the Commission’s work to enhance and deepen South-South cooperation in the region,

Having closely reviewed also the document *International cooperation in the new global context: reflections from Latin America and the Caribbean. Note by the secretariat*³ and having considered the proposals contained in the document *Time for equality: closing gaps, opening trails*,⁴

1. *Requests* the secretariat to:

(i) continue to analyse, in collaboration with other international and regional intergovernmental agencies, new alternatives for generating the volume of resources necessary for financing the development of the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean;

(ii) develop, in collaboration with other international and regional agencies, a broader set of indicators to reflect the particular realities in the countries and support the identification of their main needs, so that classification as a middle-income country ceases to be an a priori impediment to participation in official development assistance;

(iii) develop, together with national authorities responsible for cooperation matters, a set of indicators for measuring the social and economic impact of South-South cooperation;

(iv) subject to available resources, initiate a process aimed at strengthening the capacity of institutions responsible for international cooperation in countries that so request, especially as regards the generation of statistics and the establishment of an appropriate information system;

2. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to report on the fulfilment of this resolution at the meeting of the South-South Committee which will be held in the framework of the thirty-fourth session of the Commission.

¹ A/RES/64/222.

² LC/G.2439(SES.33/10).

³ LC/G.2440(SES.33/11).

⁴ LC/G.2432(SES.33/3).

**648(XXXIII) PROGRAMME OF WORK OF THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION
FOR THE 2012-2013 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 and General Assembly resolution 59/265 and Economic and Social Council decision 1984/101 regarding recurrent publications of the United Nations,

Bearing in mind also the Millennium Declaration, adopted by the United Nations General Assembly at its fifty-fifth session,¹ the assessment of progress and pending tasks as identified by the secretariat of the Commission to facilitate its implementation in the region² and the 2005 World Summit Outcome,³

Taking into account the Report of the activities of the Commission from January 2008 to December 2009⁴ and the proposed strategic framework for the period 2012-2013,⁵ which will be duly reviewed by the General Assembly at its sixty-fifth session, following regional consultation on these issues,

Having considered the outcomes and activities of the previous biennium and the proposed strategic framework and the work priorities for the Commission presented as set out by the Executive Secretary in her introduction to the Draft programme of work of the ECLAC system, 2012-2013,⁶ 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 preceding session,

Having considered also all aspects of the Draft programme of work of the ECLAC system, 2012-2013, in which the results-based programming and management approach is deepened and enhanced and which proposes the creation of a new subprogramme on financing for development, in view of the importance of the subject on the regional development agenda,

1. *Endorses* the Draft programme of work of the ECLAC system, 2012-2013, as set forth by the Executive Secretary, which concentrates on the priorities of increasing macroeconomic stability and enhancing policies aimed at reducing vulnerability and mitigating the effects of economic and financial 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 particular emphasis on innovation and new technologies; improving the region's position in the international economy through trade, cooperation and regional integration; promoting a social covenant by improving social equality, reducing social risks and reinforcing gender mainstreaming in public policies; enhancing

¹ See General Assembly resolution 55/2.

² *The Millennium Development Goals: a Latin American and Caribbean perspective* (LC/G.2231-P), June 2005; *Millennium Development Goals 2006: a look at gender equality and empowerment of women in Latin America and the Caribbean* (LC/G.2352-P), December 2007; *Millennium Development Goals. Progress towards the right to health in Latin America and the Caribbean* (LC/G.2634), August 2008, and *Millennium Development Goals: Advances in environmentally sustainable development in Latin America and the Caribbean* (LC/G.2428-P), January 2010.

³ See General Assembly resolution 60/1 of 24 October 2005.

⁴ LC/G.2436(SES.33/7).

⁵ A/65/6 (Prog. 17).

⁶ (LC/G.2434(SES.33/5)).

sustainable development policies and energy efficiency and addressing the impacts of climate change; and improving institution-building for the management of global and transboundary issues and the provision of public goods at the regional level;

2. *Welcomes* the inclusion in the Commission's programme of work of the new subprogramme 4 Financing for development, which focuses on broadening the opportunities offered by the countries' domestic financial architecture, strengthening integration and financial cooperation at the regional level, including access to financial markets and official development assistance, and building the capabilities of the region's countries to participate in the debate on reform of the international financial architecture;

3. *Emphasizes* the importance of redoubling the efforts of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) to strengthen national science, technology and innovation systems and measures to support industrial and productive development policies in the countries of the region, including reciprocal cooperation in this area;

4. *Adopts* the programme of work of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean for the 2012-2013 biennium in its totality, including the creation of a new subprogramme on financing for development which, together with the revisions proposed and observations made in the discussions held in the plenary session and the guidance provided by the resolutions adopted at the thirty-third 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;

5. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to submit the allocation of the necessary resources for implementing the activities described in the programme of work to the relevant United Nations bodies for their consideration before it is carried out;

6. *Also requests* the Executive Secretary to make a special effort to examine the challenges faced by the region in connection with the economic and financial crisis of 2008-2009 and related issues by undertaking specialized studies that will permit the provision of technical advisory services and the formulation of public policy options for dealing with such challenges;

7. *Notes with satisfaction* the Report of the Activities of the Commission from January 2008 to December 2009 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 region's needs;

8. *Thanks* the Office of the Executive Secretary for its efforts 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 encourages it to continue those efforts;

9. *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;

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

649(XXXIII) 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 include the preparation of a biennial programme of regional and international cooperation activities to meet the demands 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 fifth meeting in Bogota, from 10 to 13 August 2009, and on that occasion adopted the biennial programme of regional and international cooperation activities, 2009-2011,¹

Taking into account also that, since the preceding session of the Commission, the Executive Committee of the Statistical Conference of the Americas has held its eighth meeting, in Santo Domingo from 22 to 24 October 2008, and its ninth meeting, in Santiago, from 20 to 22 April 2010,

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

Taking into account the major challenges facing official statistics in the region in relation to the conduct of the 2010 round of population censuses, the implementation of the 2008 System of National Accounts, the generation of information for monitoring fulfilment of the Millennium Development Goals, and the urgent and growing demand for statistical data and indicators in new areas, such as the environment, information and communications technologies, gender affairs and natural disasters,

Taking into account also the increasing importance of reliable, good-quality and timely 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 2009-2011 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,³ adopted at the fifth meeting of the Statistical Conference,

¹ Report of the fifth meeting of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/L.3125).

² 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 (LC/L.2994); Draft report of the ninth meeting of the Executive Committee of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean; Report of the fifth meeting of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/L.3125).

³ Draft Biennial programme of regional and international cooperation activities of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC, 2009-2011 (LC/L.3072(CEA.5/12)).

Considering that the United Nations Statistical Commission has set World Statistics Day for 20 October 2010,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the fifth meeting of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean and the reports of the eighth and ninth meetings of its Executive Committee;

2. *Expresses its satisfaction* at the increasing consolidation of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean 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. *Expresses the wish* that the Governments of the region strengthen awareness-raising regarding the need to develop technically independent, impartial and objective national statistical systems and, accordingly, take measures to provide the necessary resources and consolidate a suitable legal and institutional framework, as essential conditions for obtaining reliable, good-quality and timely public statistics;

4. *Welcomes* the decision of the Conference to move forward with the preparation of a draft Code of good statistical practices for Latin America and the Caribbean—to be presented for review and adoption at the sixth meeting of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean—to serve as an instrument for enhancing the quality and credibility of official statistics and fostering society's confidence in national statistical systems and the statistics and indicators they produce and disseminate;

5. *Requests* the Governments to disseminate and support World Statistics Day, which will increase understanding in the national and international community of the important role played by official statistics and national statistical offices in providing good-quality, timely data for the different spheres of decision-making and of the many contributions of official statistics based on fundamental values of service, integrity and professionalism.

650(XXXIII) BRASILIA 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, ECLAC 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 that the draft programme of work of the Commission for the biennium 2012-2013, as presented by the Executive Secretary,¹ concentrates on such priorities as increasing macroeconomic stability and enhancing policies aimed at reducing vulnerability and mitigating the effects of economic and financial 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 particular emphasis on innovation and new technologies; improving the region's position in the international economy through trade, cooperation and regional integration; promoting a social covenant by improving social equality, reducing social risks and reinforcing gender mainstreaming in public policies; enhancing sustainable development policies, energy efficiency and addressing the impacts of climate change; and improving institution-building for the management of global and transboundary issues and the provision of public goods at the regional level,

Having reviewed the document *Time for equality: closing gaps, opening trails*, prepared by the secretariat, and its summary,²

1. *Welcomes* the comprehensive 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 *Time for equality: closing gaps, opening trails*;

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

3. *Requests* the Executive Secretary 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 Executive Secretary 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.

¹ LC/G.2434(SES.33/5).

² LC/G.2432(SES.33/3) and LC/G.2433(SES.33/4).

**651(XXXIII) ECLAC CALENDAR OF CONFERENCES FOR
THE PERIOD 2010-2012**

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 on the 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,

Having examined the proposed calendar of the Commission's intergovernmental conferences for 2010-2012 as set forth in annex 6 of the relevant document,¹

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

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-third session of the Commission;

2. *Reaffirms also* that the Commission's current conference servicing system has been found to be efficient, both in terms of its substantive and organizational aspects and in terms of its cost-effectiveness, 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 and social fields;

¹ Proposed calendar of conferences of ECLAC for the period 2010-2012. Note by the secretariat (LC/G.2435(SES.33/6)).

4. *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;

5. *Calls upon* the Executive Secretary to report to the Commission at its thirty-fourth session on the implementation of this resolution.

**652(XXXIII) 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 Commission, with its own identity and with direct responsibility 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 Latin American and Caribbean Institute for Economic and Social Planning in terms of both guidance and regular financing,

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

2. *Expresses* also 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;

3. *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.

653(XXXIII) FOLLOW-UP TO THE PLAN OF ACTION FOR THE INFORMATION SOCIETY IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,

Recalling the principles and objectives set out in the Declaration of Principles and the Plan of Action adopted during the first phase of the World Summit on the Information Society, held in Geneva in December 2003, and in the Tunis Commitment and Tunis Agenda for the Information Society, adopted during the second phase of the World Summit on the Information Society, held in Tunis in November 2005, with a view to contributing to the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals by 2015 at the latest and to the promotion of social, economic and cultural development,

Recalling also the principles and objectives set forth in the Bávaro Declaration, adopted in the Dominican Republic in January 2003, and in the Rio de Janeiro Commitment and the Plan of Action for the Information Society in Latin America and the Caribbean (eLAC 2007), 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 in June 2005, as well as in the San Salvador Commitment and the Plan of Action for the Information Society in Latin America and the Caribbean (eLAC 2010), adopted at the Second Ministerial Conference on the Information Society in Latin America and the Caribbean, held in San Salvador in February 2008,

Recognizing the support function performed by the United Nations regional commissions in the implementation of the Plan of Action adopted in Geneva, especially as regards the contribution made by Governments and stakeholders to the promotion of information and communication technologies for development and as regards international and regional cooperation and the creation of an enabling environment,

Recalling resolutions 610(XXX), 629(XXXI) and 637(XXXII) of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, adopted at its thirtieth, thirty-first and thirty-second sessions, respectively,

Recognizing the substantive contribution made by the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean in supporting the countries of the region in both phases of the World Summit on the Information Society and in building the information society in the region since 2000, including the valuable technical support provided for the Second Ministerial Conference on the Information Society in Latin America and the Caribbean, held in San Salvador in February 2008,

Recalling paragraph 101 of the Tunis Agenda for the Information Society, which states that the United Nations regional commissions may, in response to requests made by Member States and within approved budgetary resources, organize follow-up activities to the World Summit on the Information Society at appropriate intervals in collaboration with regional and subregional organizations, as well as furnishing member States with technical and other information for the design of regional strategies and the implementation of the agreements reached at regional conferences,

Recognizing that the year 2015 is the date set for meeting the global targets of the Plan of Action for the first phase of the World Summit on the Information Society and that the implementation of the Plan of Action for the Information Society in Latin America and the Caribbean (eLAC2010) is a second step towards their attainment,

Welcoming the offer made by the Government of Peru to host the third Ministerial Conference on the Information Society in Latin America and the Caribbean in 2010,

Taking into account the need to promote a Latin American and Caribbean vision of the information society,

Taking into account also the fact that the members countries of eLAC2010 have expressed their interest in renewing the commitment to include new targets and goals in a fresh Plan of Action encompassing up to 2015, which is a suitable point at which to evaluate progress towards the Millennium Development Goals and the 2015 targets of the World Summit on the Information Society Forum,

Requests the secretariat, within available resources, to:

(i) Provide support to the countries of the region, especially in the formulation of national strategies, for the fulfilment of the goals of the Plan of Action for the Information Society in Latin America and the Caribbean (eLAC2010), which are derived directly from the commitments undertaken at the World Summit on the Information Society, by furnishing technical cooperation, carrying out studies and collaborating in the organization of meetings to the extent of its capabilities and competence;

(ii) Provide technical support for the eLAC Regional Follow-up Mechanism through studies, statistics and substantive reports on the information society and associated public policies, the preparation of newsletters, and its cooperation in organizing technical meetings and the third Ministerial Conference on the Information Society in Latin America and the Caribbean and its preparatory process;

(iii) Offer support to the countries of the region in identifying priorities for the development of more efficient and equitable information societies and advise them with respect to the inclusion of those priorities in the negotiations for defining a new Plan of Action for the region;

(iv) Provide technical support to the Presiding Officers of the eLAC2010 Regional Follow-up Mechanism so that synergies may be sought with initiatives of international agencies that may contribute to the achievement of the goals set out in eLAC2010, which shall consult with Member States regarding any such initiatives;

(v) Provide technical support for the organization of the preparatory meeting for the third Ministerial Conference on the Information Society in Latin America and the Caribbean, to be held in September 2010 in Montevideo;

(vi) Provide technical support for the organization of the forthcoming Ministerial Conference on the Information Society in Latin America and the Caribbean to be held in November 2010 in Lima.

**654(XXXIII) 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 60/265, 61/16 and 64/184 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,

Bearing in mind that, in fulfilment of the mandate contained in resolution 639(XXXII), the secretariat coordinated the preparation, in 2009 and the first half of 2010, of the regional inter-agency report entitled *Millennium Development Goals: advances in environmentally sustainable development in Latin America and the Caribbean*² and the second comprehensive regional inter-agency report on progress towards achievement of the Millennium Development Goals,³ with the collaboration of all the funds, programmes and specialized agencies of the United Nations working in the region,

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. *Also 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 establishment pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 1998/46.

¹ General Assembly resolution 60/1.

² LC/G.2428-P.

³ Forthcoming publication (July 2010).

655(XXXIII) 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 can exchange information and share experiences with a view to meeting the primary challenges posed by the process of sustainable development in the economic and social fields,

Bearing in mind that, as a subsidiary body of the Commission, the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee held its twenty-third session in St. Georges's, Grenada, on 15 and 17 March 2010, that the Monitoring Committee of the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee held its fourteenth meeting in Port of Spain, on 8 September 2009 and that, on those occasions, they adopted a series of agreements and resolutions which appear in their respective reports,¹

1. *Takes note* of the report of the twenty-third session of the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee and of the fourteenth meeting of the Monitoring Committee;

2. *Calls upon* the Executive Secretary to employ all measures necessary to ensure the full implementation of the decisions and resolutions contained in the report of the twenty-third session of the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee and the recommendations of the fourteenth meeting of the Monitoring Committee.

¹ Report of the twenty-third session of the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee (LC/CAR/L.257) and Report of the fourteenth meeting of the Monitoring Committee of the CDCC (LC/CAR/L.218).

656(XXXIII) 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 El Salvador to host the thirty-fourth session of the Commission,

1. *Expresses its gratitude* to the Government of El Salvador 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-fourth session in El Salvador in the first half of 2012.

**657(XXXIII) AD HOC COMMITTEE ON POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT
OF THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR 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; the Latin American and Caribbean Consensus on Population and Development adopted in Mexico City in May 1993 and the Latin American and Caribbean Regional Plan of Action on Population and Development of 1994; the United Nations Millennium Declaration of September 2000; and the 2005 World Summit Outcome; as well as resolution 60/265 adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 30 June 2006,

Reiterating the recommendations of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, adopted at the Second World Assembly on Ageing in 2002, and the respective regional initiatives of 2003 and 2007 for its implementation, in particular the Brasilia Declaration adopted at the second Regional Intergovernmental Conference on Ageing in Latin America and the Caribbean, held in Brasilia from 4 to 6 December 2007,

Considering the agreements adopted at the ninth meeting of the Executive Committee of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, held in Santiago from 20 to 22 April 2010; the conclusions of the seminars and workshops held by the Commission in 2008 and 2009 on the 2010 round of censuses, in the areas of ethnic approach, census mapping, and internal and international migration and other forms of territorial mobility; as well as the technical recommendations of the workshop Follow-up to the progress made in preparation for the 2010 census round in Latin America: Working Group on Censuses of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC, held in June 2009,

Taking into consideration resolution 615(XXXI) entitled “International Migration”, adopted at the thirty-first session of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, held in Montevideo in March 2006, and resolution 644(XXXII) entitled “Population and development: priority activities for the period 2008-2010”, adopted at the thirty-second session of the Commission, held in Santo Domingo, in June 2008,

Bearing in mind that, since the preceding session of the Commission, the Ad Hoc Committee on Population and Development of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, in its capacity as a subsidiary body of the Commission, held its regular meeting in Santiago from 12 to 14 May 2010 and on that occasion adopted agreements on population and development: priority issues for 2010-2012, which figure in the respective draft report,

Recalling that the last meeting of the ECLAC Ad Hoc Committee on Population and Development was held in Santiago from 12 to 14 May 2010,

1. *Takes note* of the agreements on population and development: priority issues for 2010-2012, which were adopted at the meeting of the 2010 ECLAC Ad Hoc Committee on Population and Development;

2. *Emphasizes* the importance of consideration of population and development issues in the proposal of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean contained in the document *Time for equality: closing gaps, opening trails*,¹ as well as in national public policies.

¹ LC/G.2432(SES.33/3).

**658(XXXIII) 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,

Bearing in mind the fact that the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean adopted the Quito Consensus¹ at its tenth session, held in Quito from 6 to 9 August 2007,

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 its Presiding Officers: the forty-second meeting, held in Santiago on 4 and 5 December 2008 and the forty-third meeting, held in Port of Spain on 7 and 8 July 2009,

Recalling agreement 3 of the Quito Consensus, which requests the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, together with other organizations in the United Nations system, to collaborate with member States that request them to do so in following up on the fulfilment of the agreements that have been adopted through the creation of an equality observatory that will help strengthen national gender machineries,

Bearing in mind the reports of the Governments that served as a basis for preparing the Review of the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly (2000) in Latin American and Caribbean countries,²

Taking note of agreement 8 of the forty-third meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean regarding consideration of the principle of gender parity in the composition of the delegations participating in the eleventh session of the Regional Conference and incorporation of members of the executive, legislative and judicial powers, representatives of civil society and of women's networks with a track record in following up the Beijing Platform for Action, and indigenous, Afro-descendent and young women, among other important actors,

Bearing in mind the agreements adopted at those meetings, which are reflected in the respective reports,³

1. *Welcomes* the progress made since the adoption of the Quito Consensus at the tenth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean;

¹ Report of the tenth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/G.2361(CRM.10/8)).

² LC/L.3175.

³ Report of the forty-second meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/L.3027); Report of the forty-third meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/L.3177).

2. *Recommends* that the delegations participating in the eleventh session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean bear in mind and promote the principle of gender parity in their composition;

3. *Welcomes* the Review of the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly (2000) in Latin American and Caribbean countries;

4. *Congratulates* the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, through its Division for Gender Affairs, and the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women, the United Nations Development Fund for Women, the United Nations Population Fund, the Pan American Health Organization, the United Nations Development Programme, the Spanish International Cooperation Agency for Development and the Ibero-American Secretariat on the creation of the Gender Equality Observatory for Latin America and the Caribbean, in fulfilment of the Quito Consensus;

5. *Urges* active participation in the eleventh session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean, which will be held in Brasilia, from 13 to 16 July 2010.