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**REPORT OF THE ELEVENTH MEETING OF SPECIALIZED AGENCIES AND OTHER
BODIES OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM ON THE ADVANCEMENT
OF WOMEN IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN**

Santiago, Chile, 4 September 2002

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A. ATTENDANCE AND ORGANIZATION OF WORK

Mandate

1. The Eleventh Meeting of Specialized Agencies and Other Bodies of the United Nations System on the Advancement of Women in Latin America and the Caribbean was convened by the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) in compliance with the provisions of the Regional Plan of Action as adopted at the first session of the Regional Conference on the Integration of Women into the Economic and Social Development of Latin America, held in Havana, Cuba, in 1977, and in accordance with the commitments made at the United Nations inter-agency coordination meeting for Latin America and the Caribbean (Santiago, Chile, 6 May 1999), at which the Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations asked the Commission to assume responsibility for general follow-up on new cooperation and coordination mechanisms in the region.

Place and date of the meeting

2. In accordance with the above-mentioned mandates, the Eleventh Meeting of Specialized Agencies and Other Bodies of the United Nations System on the Advancement of Women in Latin America and the Caribbean was held in Santiago, Chile, on 4 September 2002.

Attendance

3. The Director of the Division for the Advancement of Women, of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), of the United Nations Secretariat, participated in the meeting.

4. The meeting was attended by representatives of the following United Nations funds and programmes: United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM).

5. The following United Nations specialized agencies were also represented: International Labour Organization (ILO), Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), World Health Organization (WHO) and International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD).

6. In addition, the meeting was attended by representatives of the following intergovernmental organizations: Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), Latin American Faculty of Social Sciences (FLACSO) and the Organization of American States (OAS).

B. AGENDA

7. The participants adopted the following agenda:
 1. Adoption of the agenda
 2. Review of progress made in coordinating the inter-agency project on the use of gender indicators in public policy-making and analysis of the contributions made by participating organizations to its implementation and financing
 3. Cooperation strategies for the effective use of indicators in the follow-up to the Millennium Summit
 4. Follow-up to the proposal on gender statistics and indicators for measuring the extent and situation of violence against women in Latin America and the Caribbean, adopted at the first technical meeting on gender indicators held within the framework of the Programme of International Statistical Work for Latin America and the Caribbean
 5. Preparations for the second technical meeting on gender indicators to be held within the framework of the Programme of International Statistical Work for Latin America and the Caribbean
 6. Future activities for regional inter-agency coordination
 7. Other matters

C. AGREEMENTS

8. After having heard the reports of ECLAC and of all the specialized agencies represented at the meeting, the participants in the Eleventh Meeting of Specialized Agencies and Other Bodies of the United Nations System on the Advancement of Women in Latin America and the Caribbean expressed their satisfaction that greater complementarity had been achieved in recent months in the efforts being made to improve gender statistics and the use of indicators in formulating policies and programmes, as reflected in the information posted on the ECLAC web site, and adopted the following agreements:
 1. To ensure that the inter-agency coordination meeting on gender statistics to be held at ECLAC headquarters from 7 to 10 October 2002 is attended primarily by statistics experts and officials responsible for providing technical assistance to countries in this area;
 2. To contribute actively to the development of a technical assistance handbook which will include inputs from organizations with experience in this field, such as PAHO, UNIFEM and UNFPA;

3. To continue to encourage conceptual debate on the definition of indicators within the inter-agency working group with a view to providing inputs for the technical assistance handbook on gender indicators in Latin America and the Caribbean;
4. To provide ECLAC with the statistical information and studies produced by the agencies so that these inputs may be incorporated, with the appropriate links, into the Commission's integrated system of gender indicators;
5. To take steps to ensure the mainstreaming of the gender perspective in all the activities of the MECOVI programme, especially the design of household surveys;
6. To rationalize technical assistance and complement national efforts by strengthening institutions that produce information and linking them with government and civil-society users;
7. To step up horizontal cooperation so that countries with more expertise in this area can share their experiences and knowledge with countries that have less highly developed systems;
8. To support efforts to obtain additional financing for the inter-agency project on gender indicators and to seek technical and financial assistance in the tasks of harmonizing and improving the statistics, increasing their level of disaggregation and proposing new indicators in emerging areas such as international migration, power-sharing and participation in electoral systems, reproductive work and economic and financial issues, with particular attention to rural women, considering the complexity and importance of the inter-agency work that this will require;
9. Taking the foregoing into consideration, the Women and Development Unit undertook to provide a copy of the inter-agency project on gender indicators, broken down by budget items, to requesting agencies;
10. To respond to the demand for information within the framework of the Millennium Development Goals and to adapt the indicators to the conditions existing in Latin America and the Caribbean while also supplementing them with more specific information on sectors of particular interest to women in the countries;
11. To place priority on indicators that will measure progress towards the objectives of gender equality, to formulate a basic set of gender indicators and to strengthen both the production of statistics disaggregated by sex and the analysis of these data within the framework of the conceptual advances made in terms of the gender perspective;
12. To ensure that each agency will prepare a document on equity gaps in its particular sphere of action with a view to the ninth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean and to the appraisal of the implementation of the Beijing Platform of Action during the past decade (Beijing +10); and to address the relevant preparations at the next inter-agency meeting.

13. To apply the existing resources allocated for the development of indicators on education to the preparation of gender indicators;
14. With a view to the second technical meeting on gender indicators, which is to be held within the framework of the Programme of International Statistical Work for Latin America and the Caribbean, to provide analytical and conceptual inputs on the specific issues addressed by each agency, to ensure that all the participating agencies are represented at the meeting and to facilitate the attendance of national counterparts possessing suitable experience and financing for delegates from the countries;
15. To reaffirm the resolutions adopted at the International meeting on gender statistics and indicators for measuring the extent and situation of violence against women in Latin America and the Caribbean, held in La Paz, Bolivia, from 21 to 23 November 2001, in particular those relating to international cooperation in connection with administrative records, and to seek commitments for their implementation;
16. To support the arrangements made by the Women and Development Unit with a view to the presentation of the inter-agency project on gender indicators to the United Nations Fund for International Partnerships;
17. To exchange information on training activities undertaken by each agency at the national and regional levels and to provide up-to-date information to ECLAC to permit the harmonization of dates and types of meetings as a means of facilitating the participation of countries and agencies;
18. To integrate all the databases containing compatible information based on a structure similar to that used in the web site of the Women and Development Unit of ECLAC. In this regard, the following agencies offered their collaboration: IDB, UNESCO (*Management of Social Transformation* (MOST) project, Regional Information System - SIRI -, and statistical system) and UNICEF (*Child Info* database);
19. To accord priority attention at the next inter-agency meeting to preparations and issues relating to the ninth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean and to the ten-year review of the implementation of the Beijing Platform of Action during the past decade (Beijing +10).

Annex

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

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