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Fortieth meeting of the Presiding Officers
of the Regional Conference on Women in
Latin America and the Caribbean

Santiago, Chile, 3 and 4 October 2006

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

A. BACKGROUND

The Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean is a subsidiary body of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC). It brings together Government representatives to monitor compliance with international and regional agreements on gender equality.

The Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference, meeting in Mexico City in May 2006, agreed to convene their fortieth meeting at ECLAC headquarters in Santiago, Chile, in the second half of 2006.

The meeting of the Presiding Officers will focus mainly on activities in preparation for the tenth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean, to be held in Quito, Ecuador, in the second half of 2007, and on consideration of the annotated index of the position paper to be presented at that Conference.

B. ANNOTATED AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda

Delegations will have the following provisional agenda before them for adoption or amendment (LC/L.2597(MDM.40/1)):

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Report on activities carried out since the thirty-ninth meeting of the Presiding Officers (May 2006)
3. Activities in preparation for the tenth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean
4. Information concerning the International Seminar on Gender Parity and Political Participation in Latin America and the Caribbean
5. Adoption of agreements
6. Other matters

2. Report on activities carried out since the thirty-ninth meeting of the Presiding Officers (May 2006)

The secretariat will examine the agreements adopted at the thirty-ninth meeting of the Presiding Officers (Mexico City, 11 and 12 May 2006) and will report on the monitoring of those agreements. It will also present the working and reference documents for the fortieth meeting.

3. Activities in preparation for the tenth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean

(a) The secretariat will present the annotated index of the position paper to be presented at the tenth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean, pursuant to the request contained in Agreement No. 5 adopted at the thirty-ninth meeting of the Presiding Officers.¹

(b) The Presiding Officers will present their comments and establish procedures for collaboration by the member countries of the Regional Conference in the drafting of the position paper.

(c) The secretariat will report on progress in the organization of two virtual forums and three subregional preparatory meetings for Central America and Mexico, the Caribbean and South America as part of the preparatory process for the tenth session of the Regional Conference. The Presiding Officers will also discuss the organization of the work of the Regional Conference, and United Nations bodies will report on their contributions to the Conference.

(d) The Presiding Officers will set out their future activities.

Working document

- Annotated index of the position paper to be presented at the tenth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/L.2602 (MDM.40/4))

4. Information concerning the International Seminar on Gender Parity and Political Participation in Latin America and the Caribbean

Pursuant to Agreement No. 12 adopted at the thirty-ninth meeting of the Presiding Officers,² the secretariat will report on the holding of the International Seminar on Gender Parity and Political Participation in Latin America and the Caribbean, on 5 and 6 October 2006 in Santiago, Chile.

Working document

- Preliminary programme of the International Seminar on Gender Parity and Political Participation in Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/L.2603 (MDM.40.5))

¹ See ECLAC, *Report of the thirty-ninth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean* (LC/L.2599), Santiago, Chile, 2006. In Agreement No. 5, the representatives of the member countries serving as Presiding Officers agreed to “request the Secretariat to formulate a position paper on (...) political participation and gender parity in decision-making processes at all levels (and on) analysis of the contribution of women to the economy and social protection, especially in relation to unpaid work performed by women.”

² See ECLAC, *Report of the thirty-ninth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean* (LC/L.2599), Santiago, Chile, 2006. In Agreement No. 12, the Presiding Officers requested ECLAC “to provide support for the organization, in the second half of 2006, of a seminar on gender parity and political participation in the region in order to analyse trends in this sphere in Latin America and the Caribbean and adopt a common agenda.”

5. Adoption of agreements

Member countries whose representatives are serving as Presiding Officers will consider and adopt the agreements concluded at the thirty-ninth meeting.

6. Other matters

Under this item, delegations may raise any other matters they deem to be relevant.

C. REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

Agenda item 2

- Report of the thirty-ninth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean (Mexico City, 11 and 12 May 2006) (LC/L.2599)
- Las Metas del Milenio y la Igualdad de Género. El caso de Paraguay, *Mujer y desarrollo series*, No. 79 (LC/L.2577-P)
- Las Metas del Milenio y la Igualdad de Género. El caso de Ecuador, *Mujer y desarrollo series*, No. 80 (LC/L.2611-P)
- Las Metas del Milenio y la Igualdad de Género. El caso de Colombia, *Mujer y desarrollo series*, No. 81 (LC/L.2612-P)
- Guía de asistencia técnica para la producción y el uso de indicadores de género (LC/R.2136)
- Las metas del milenio y la igualdad de género. (CD)
- A compilation of studies and documents on gender, race and ethnic origin (CD)
- Written reports of United Nations bodies

Agenda item 3

- Member countries' inputs to preparations for the tenth meeting of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean (to be held in the second half of 2007)
- Gender equity at United Nations summits and conferences (CD)