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754(XXXIX) BUENOS AIRES 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, the Commission 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 the document *Time for Equality: Closing Gaps, Opening Trails* and its summary, presented by the secretariat at the thirty-third session of the Commission,¹

Bearing in mind also the document *Structural Change for Equality: An Integrated Approach to Development* and its summary, presented by the secretariat at the thirty-fourth session of the Commission,²

Bearing in mind further the document *Compacts for Equality: Towards a Sustainable Future* and its summary, presented by the secretariat at the thirty-fifth session of the Commission,³

Bearing in mind the document *Horizons 2030: Equality at the Centre of Sustainable Development* and its summary, presented by the secretariat at the thirty-sixth session of the Commission,⁴

Bearing in mind also the document *The Inefficiency of Inequality* and its summary, presented by the secretariat at the thirty-seventh session of the Commission,⁵

Bearing in mind further the document *Building a New Future: Transformative Recovery with Equality and Sustainability* and its summary, presented by the secretariat at the thirty-eighth session of the Commission,⁶

Emphasizing that General Assembly resolution 70/1, entitled “Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”, offers an opportunity for all the countries in the region to progress towards eradicating poverty in all its forms and dimensions, including extreme poverty, as well as ending hunger and reducing inequalities, as proposed by the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean in the documents presented at its past five sessions,

¹ LC/G.2432(SES.33/3) and LC/G.2433(SES.33/4).

² LC/G.2524(SES.34/3) and LC/G.2525(SES.34/4).

³ LC/G.2586(SES.35/3) and LC/G.2587(SES.35/4).

⁴ LC/G.2660(SES.36/3) and LC/G.2661(SES.36/4).

⁵ LC/SES.37/3-P and LC/SES.37/4.

⁶ LC/SES.38/3-P/Rev.1 and LC/SES.38/4.

Bearing in mind that the guidelines and overarching orientation for the formulation of the draft programme of work of the ECLAC system, 2023, 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 outcomes and results of major United Nations conferences and summits, and General Assembly resolution 66/288 “The future we want”, by virtue of which the countries agreed to contribute to providing coordinated and integrated follow-up to the outcomes and results of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and environmental spheres,⁷

Having reviewed the document *Towards transformation of the development model in Latin America and the Caribbean: production, inclusion and sustainability* and its summary, prepared by the secretariat, which complements the trilogy of equality,⁸

1. *Takes note* of the document *Towards transformation of the development model in Latin America and the Caribbean: production, inclusion and sustainability* and welcomes the integrated approach to development that has marked the thinking of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean since its inception;

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

3. *Instructs* the secretariat to conduct studies and formulate public policy proposals in the countries, in close cooperation with their policymakers, with a view to supporting the building of national capacities for the achievement of sustainable development, and the achievement of the 2030 Agenda and its Sustainable Development Goals;

4. *Calls upon* the secretariat 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.

⁷ LC/PLEN.36/3.

⁸ LC/SES.39/3-P and LC/SES.39/4.

**755(XXXIX) CALENDAR OF CONFERENCES OF ECLAC
FOR THE PERIOD 2023–2024**

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 General Assembly resolution 40/243 entitled "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 the 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,

Bearing in mind also resolution 676(XXXV) adopted at the thirty-fifth session of the Commission, in which it was decided, for economic and environmental reasons, to employ documents in electronic format for the future sessions and meetings of the subsidiary bodies of the Commission,

Having examined the proposed calendar of the Commission's intergovernmental conferences for the period,¹

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

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 thirty-ninth session;

2. *Also reaffirms* that the Commission's current conference servicing system has proved to be efficient in substantive and organizational terms as well as cost-effective, 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;

¹ See *Proposed calendar of conferences of ECLAC for the period 2023–2024. Note by the secretariat* (LC/SES.39/7).

3. *Further reaffirms* 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, social and sustainable development fields;

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 fortieth session.

ECLAC CALENDAR OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONFERENCES FOR THE PERIOD 2023–2024

Year	Title	Place and date	Legislative authority	Source of funding
2023	Nineteenth meeting of the Regional Council for Planning of ILPES	^{a b}	ECLAC resolutions 351(XVI) and 553(XXVI)	ECLAC and ILPES regular budget
2023	Thirty-seventh session of the Committee of the Whole of ECLAC	^{a b}	Economic and Social Council resolution 106(VI)	ECLAC regular budget
2023	Twenty-third session of the Committee of High-level Government Experts (CEGAN)	^{a b}	ECLAC resolutions 310(XIV); 419(PLEN.14); 422(XIX), para. 204; 425(XIX), 489(PLEN.19) and 553(XXVI)	ECLAC regular budget
2023	Central American Economic Cooperation Committee	^{a b}	ECLAC resolutions 9(IV) and 553(XXVI)	ECLAC regular budget
2023	First session of the Regional Conference on South-South Cooperation in Latin America and the Caribbean	^{a b}	Resolution 752(PLEN.36) of the Committee of the Whole of ECLAC	ECLAC regular budget
2023	Sixty-fourth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean	^{a b}	Regional Plan of Action on the Integration of Women into Latin American Economic and Social Development, para. 88.2	ECLAC regular budget
2023	Fifth session of the Regional Conference on Social Development in Latin America and the Caribbean	^{a b}	ECLAC resolution 682(XXXV) and Economic and Social Council resolution 2014/32	ECLAC regular budget
2023	Fourth session of the Conference on Science, Innovation and Information and Communications Technologies	^{a b}	ECLAC resolution 672(XXXIV) and Economic and Social Council resolution 2012/35	ECLAC regular budget
2023	Sixth meeting of the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development	ECLAC headquarters, Santiago, 24–28 April	ECLAC resolution 700(XXXVI)	ECLAC regular budget
2023	Twenty-first meeting of the Monitoring Committee of the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee (CDCC)	^{a b}	ECLAC resolutions 358(XVI); 419(PLEN.14); 489(PLEN.19) and 553(XXVI)	ECLAC regular budget
2023	Fifth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean	^{a b}	Agreement 1, meeting of the ECLAC Ad Hoc Committee on Population and Development (Quito, 6 July 2012); Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development (Montevideo, 12–15 August 2013)	ECLAC regular budget
2023	Preparatory meeting for the Ninth Ministerial Conference on the Information Society in Latin America and the Caribbean	^{a b}	ECLAC resolution 610(XXX)	ECLAC regular budget and extrabudgetary resources
2023	Twenty-second meeting of the Executive Committee of the Statistical Conference of the Americas	^{a b}	Economic and Social Council resolution 2000/7	ECLAC regular budget

Year	Title	Place and date	Legislative authority	Source of funding
2023	Twelfth meeting of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC	^{a b}	Economic and Social Council resolution 2000/7	ECLAC regular budget
2023	Special meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Escazú Agreement	Argentina, April	Decision I/5 of the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Escazú Agreement	ECLAC regular budget
2023	Meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Conference of the Parties to the Escazú Agreement	^{a b}	Decision I/1 of the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Escazú Agreement	ECLAC regular budget
2024	Second meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Escazú Agreement	^{a b}	Decision I/5 of the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Escazú Agreement	ECLAC regular budget
2024	Meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Conference of the Parties to the Escazú Agreement	^{a b}	Decision I/1 of the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Escazú Agreement	ECLAC regular budget
2024	Seventh meeting of the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development	^{a b}	ECLAC resolution 700(XXXVI)	ECLAC regular budget
2024	Fortieth session of ECLAC	^{a b}	Economic and Social Council resolution 106(VI)	ECLAC regular budget
2024	Thirtieth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Council for Planning of ILPES	^{a b}	ECLAC resolutions 351(XVI) and 553(XXVI)	Regular budget of ILPES and ECLAC
2024	Sixty-fifth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean	^{a b}	Regional Plan of Action on the Integration of Women into Latin American Economic and Social Development, para. 88.2	ECLAC regular budget
2024	Sixth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Social Development in Latin America and the Caribbean	^{a b}	ECLAC resolution 682(XXXV) and Economic and Social Council resolution 2014/32	ECLAC regular budget
2024	Thirtieth session of the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee (CDCC)	^{a b}	ECLAC resolutions 358(XVI); 419(PLEN.14); 489(PLEN.19) and 553(XXVI)	ECLAC regular budget
2024	Fifth meeting of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean	^{a b}	Agreement 1, meeting of the ECLAC Ad Hoc Committee on Population and Development (Quito, 6 July 2012); Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development (Montevideo, 12–15 August 2013)	ECLAC regular budget
2024	Twenty-third meeting of the Executive Committee of the Statistical Conference of the Americas	^{a b}	Economic and Social Council resolution 2000/7	ECLAC regular budget
2024	Ninth Ministerial Conference on the Information Society in Latin America and the Caribbean	^{a b}	ECLAC resolution 610(XXX)	ECLAC regular budget and extrabudgetary resources

^a Place to be determined.

^b Date to be determined.

**756(XXXIX) REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON WOMEN IN LATIN AMERICA
AND THE CARIBBEAN**

The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,

Recalling the first Regional Conference on the Integration of Women in the Economic and Social Development of Latin America, held in Havana in 1977, at which the region adopted the Regional Plan of Action for the Integration of Women into Latin American Economic and Social Development,

Recalling also that the forty-fifth anniversary of the Regional Conference on the Integration of Women in the Economic and Social Development of Latin America was celebrated in 2022,

Recalling further resolution 558(XXVI), in which it adopted the Regional Programme of Action for the Women of Latin America and the Caribbean, 1995–2001,

Recalling that, in the Lima Consensus, adopted at the eighth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean, the countries undertook to strengthen the implementation of the Regional Programme of Action beyond the year 2001,¹

Recalling also Economic and Social Council resolution 1997/61 on the integrated and coordinated implementation and follow-up of the major United Nations international conferences and summits, which reaffirms that gender mainstreaming must form an integral part of the implementation of the decisions of recent United Nations summits and conferences,

Mindful of the agreements adopted by States that are parties to relevant human rights instruments such as the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women and its Optional Protocol, and the Inter-American Convention on the Prevention, Punishment and Eradication of Violence against Women, as well as of the commitments made in the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome documents of its reviews,

Recalling the countries' commitment to implement and monitor the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development, including by taking into account its Operational guide, and recognizing its contribution to the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean in that regard,²

Highlighting that, at the thirteenth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean, held in Montevideo from 25 to 28 October 2016, the countries adopted the Montevideo Strategy for Implementation of the Regional Gender Agenda within the Sustainable Development Framework by 2030,³

¹ See *Report of the eighth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean* (LC/G.2087(CRM.8/6)).

² LC/L.4061(CRPD.2/3)/Rev.1.

³ See *Report of the thirteenth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean* (LC/CRM.13/6/Rev.1).

Taking note of the adoption of the Santiago Commitment⁴ at the fourteenth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean, held in Santiago, from 27 to 31 January 2020,

Bearing in mind 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 four meetings of the Presiding Officers: the sixtieth meeting, in virtual format, from 23 to 25 February 2021, the sixty-first meeting, in virtual format, on 29 and 30 September 2021, the sixty-second meeting, in virtual format, on 26 and 27 February 2022, and a special meeting in Santiago, on 22 and 23 June 2022,

Having in mind the outcomes of and the commitments adopted at those meetings, which are reflected in the respective reports,

Taking into account the work carried out by the Commission and the other agencies which support the Gender Equality Observatory for Latin America and the Caribbean, and the considerable progress achieved in disseminating and redesigning the Observatory,

Taking note of the initiatives of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean with regard to mainstreaming the gender perspective,

Deeply concerned that the disproportionate impact of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic on the social and economic situation of all women and girls, including adolescent girls, and their access to quality education and essential healthcare services, including sexual and reproductive health, as well as the increased demand for paid and unpaid care and domestic work, are deepening existing inequalities and risk reversing the progress in achieving gender equality, the empowerment of all women and girls as well as the economic autonomy of women made in recent decades,

1. *Takes note* of the reports of the sixtieth meeting, sixty-first meeting, sixty-second meeting and the special meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean, held in virtual format from 23 to 25 February 2021, on 29 and 30 September 2021, on 26 and 27 January 2022, and in Santiago on 22 and 23 June 2022, respectively;

2. *Reaffirms* the commitment of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean to mainstream a transformative gender perspective in all of the Sustainable Development Goals and their targets, indicators and implementation mechanisms, and to take action to fulfil the Goal on the empowerment of all women and girls throughout their life course, as well as the other 16 Goals, in order to achieve robust sustainable development;

3. *Recommends* the redoubling of efforts to ensure that the indicators for monitoring the Sustainable Development Goals reflect gender inequality and can be used to design effective public policies for overcoming such inequalities;

4. *Commends* the Commission on the progress it has made in implementing the gender mainstreaming strategy and emphasizes the need to strengthen work at all levels in conjunction with Governments, economic policymakers, and machineries for the advancement of all women and girls throughout their life course, as well as relevant civil society organizations, the private sector and academia;

⁴ See *Report of the fourteenth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean* (LC/CRM.14/7).

5. *Acknowledges* the role played by the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, through its Division for Gender Affairs, in the work relating to gender statistics in the region, as well as in shedding light on gender affairs at the sessions of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean, the Regional Conference on Social Development in Latin America and the Caribbean, and the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Commission, as well as in the work related to the organization and follow-up of the Regional Conferences and the support provided to the Governments;

6. *Also acknowledges* the contribution of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women to countries of Latin America and the Caribbean in the pursuit of gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls, including adolescent girls, in line with the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;

7. *Calls for* active participation in the fifteenth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean, which will be held in Buenos Aires from 7 to 11 November 2022 under the theme “The care society: a horizon for sustainable recovery with gender equality”;

8. *Recommends* that the delegations participating in the fifteenth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean bear in mind and promote gender balance in their composition;

9. *Requests* that every effort be made to ensure the involvement of civil society, inter alia, women’s organizations, youth-led organizations, feminist groups, faith-based organizations, the private sector and national human rights institutions, where they exist, and other relevant stakeholders, in the fifteenth session of the Regional Conference, as appropriate, on the understanding that the quality of democracy is contingent on citizen participation;

10. *Encourages* the design and implementation of comprehensive public policies and programmes that integrate sustainable development, including mainstreaming a transformative gender perspective, to respond to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic and other multiple crises, and reiterates the call to include actions that foster comprehensive care systems, decent work and the full, equal, effective and meaningful participation of all women in strategic sectors of the economy for a sustainable, inclusive and resilient recovery.

**757(XXXIX) SUPPORT FOR THE WORK OF THE LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN
INSTITUTE FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PLANNING (ILPES)**

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 (ILPES) should become a permanent institution of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean with its own identity and directly responsible 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 Institute in terms of both guidance and regular financing,

Noting that, in its capacity as a subsidiary body of the Commission, the Regional Council for Planning held its eighteenth meeting in virtual format, from 19 to 21 October 2021,

Noting also that, since the preceding session of the Commission, the Regional Council for Planning, in its capacity as a subsidiary body of the Commission, held the twenty-eighth meeting of its Presiding Officers virtually on 12 November 2020,

Having in mind the agreements adopted at those meetings, which are reflected in the respective reports,¹

1. *Takes note* of the resolutions adopted at the eighteenth meeting of the Regional Council for Planning of the Latin American and Caribbean Institute for Economic and Social Planning, held virtually from 19 to 21 October 2021, and of the agreements adopted by the Presiding Officers of the Council at their twenty-eighth meeting, held virtually on 12 November 2020;

2. *Expresses* its conviction that the policies adopted by States should be geared towards long term aims and afford increasing attention to building visions for the future, centred on reducing inequalities, promoting the prosperity of their peoples, and furthering sustainable development and the achievement of the 2030 Agenda and its Sustainable Development Goals;

3. *Recognizes* the importance of public policy consistency for strengthening the processes and instruments of planning for development and public management for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in Latin America and the Caribbean, and requests the Institute to maintain applied research, technical cooperation, advisory work and training to promote cross-sectoral and multilevel integration of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in planning for development;

4. *Reaffirms* that the Regular System of Government Financing is essential for the continuity of the Institute and the implementation of its programme of work, as a complement to the regular budget of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean;

¹ See *Report of the eighteenth meeting of the Regional Council for Planning of the Latin American and Caribbean Institute for Economic and Social Planning (ILPES)* (LC/CRP.18/6); *Report of the twenty-eighth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Council for Planning of the Latin American and Caribbean Institute for Economic and Social Planning (ILPES)* (LC/MDCRP.28/4).

5. *Expresses* its concern at the critical level of resources reached by the Regular System of Government Financing² and requests member States to take the necessary measures to make and regularize their contributions to the Latin American and Caribbean Institute for Economic and Social Planning in conformity with their respective normative frameworks and circumstances, with a view to making regular, timely contributions;

6. *Requests* the secretariat to make the necessary arrangements to ensure and strengthen the operation of the Institute within existing resources of the regular budget of the organization, and to continue to seek extrabudgetary funds;

7. *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 step up the activities it conducts in that area in collaboration with the subregional headquarters, divisions of the Commission and other international institutions;

8. *Decides* to convene the nineteenth meeting of the Regional Council for Planning of the Institute in the second half of 2023.

² See *Report on the status of the Regular System of Government Financing for the Latin American and Caribbean Institute for Economic and Social Planning (ILPES)* (LC/MDCRP.29/4).

758(XXXIX) 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 Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, by which it 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 of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean include the preparation of a biennial programme of regional and international cooperation activities to meet the needs 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 eleventh meeting in virtual format, from 23 to 25 November 2021,¹

Taking into account also that, since the preceding session of the Commission, the Executive Committee of the Statistical Conference of the Americas held its twentieth meeting, in virtual format on 7 and 8 April 2021, and its twenty-first meeting, in Santiago on 24 and 25 August 2022,

Taking into account further that, on those occasions, a number of agreements were adopted which are reflected in the respective reports,²

Recognizing the increasing importance of reliable, good-quality, timely, disaggregated public statistics and the growing need to provide these for the sake of transparency, accountability of the public authorities and the evidence-based evaluation of public policy outcomes, which are key elements for sustainable development and for enhancing democracy in the region, as well as for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and recognizing further the contribution of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean and the Statistical Coordination Group for the 2030 Agenda in Latin America and the Caribbean of the Statistical Conference of the Americas on the development of the region's indicators,

1. *Takes note* of the reports of the eleventh meeting of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, held in virtual format, from 23 to 25 November 2021, and of twentieth and twenty-first meetings of its Executive Committee, held virtually on 7 and 8 April 2021, and in Santiago on 24 and 25 August 2022, respectively;

¹ See *Report of the eleventh meeting of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean* (LC/CEA.11/14).

² See *Report of the twentieth meeting of the Executive Committee of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean* (LC/CE.20/5) and the draft report of the twenty-first meeting of the Executive Committee of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/CE.21/PINF).

2. *Also takes note* of the biennial programme of regional and international cooperation activities, 2022–2023, of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean;³

3. *Encourages* the countries to share statistical information on the Sustainable Development Goals including through the use of the regional portal on the Sustainable Development Goals —SDG Gateway— to promote collaborative work and horizontal cooperation for closing gaps in data availability for follow-up to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;

4. *Commends* the Conference on the steps taken to mainstream the gender perspective in official statistics through the endorsement of the *Guidelines for gender mainstreaming in the working groups of the Statistical Conference of the Americas*⁴ and the establishment of the advisory group on gender mainstreaming of the Statistical Conference of the Americas,⁵ which will issue recommendations and suggestions for the proper consideration of the gender perspective in the outputs of the working groups of the Conference;

5. *Expresses its thanks* to the national statistical offices and other agencies producing official statistics for having maintained regional collaboration and the production of the agreed outputs of the working groups, despite the restrictions imposed on their work as a result of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic;

6. *Expresses its satisfaction* at the activities carried out by the Knowledge Transfer Network in organizing remote meetings and jointly constructing a repository of information relevant to the production and dissemination of statistics, as well as in the creation of virtual communities intended to encourage dialogue and the sharing of experiences on issues of importance for the countries of the region;

7. *Recognizes* the importance of multidimensional and complementary development measures and urges close collaboration between national statistical offices and ministries or institutions;

8. *Urges* the member States of the Conference to support the proper conduct of the 2020 round of population and housing censuses, both by applying relevant international recommendations and standards, and by mobilizing the necessary financial resources to carry out these censuses, as they are essential to decision-making in the framework of a sustainable and inclusive recovery that leaves no one behind.

³ LC/CEA.11/11.

⁴ LC/CEA.11/9.

⁵ LC/CEA.11/13.

**759(XXXIX) REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT
IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN**

The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,

Recalling the World Summit for Social Development, held in Copenhagen from 6 to 12 March 1995, and the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly, entitled “World Summit for Social Development and beyond: achieving social development for all in a globalizing world”, held in Geneva from 26 to 30 June 2000,

Reaffirming that the Copenhagen Declaration on Social Development, the Programme of Action of the World Summit on Social Development, as well as other relevant internationally agreed instruments, constitute, together with the global dialogue on this issue, the basic framework for the promotion of social development for all at the national, regional, and international levels,¹

Recalling that General Assembly resolution 70/1 of 25 September 2015, entitled “Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”, represents an opportunity for the countries of the region to advance sustainable development in its three dimensions, as well as eradicate poverty in all its forms and dimensions, reduce inequalities and ensure that no one is left behind,

Recalling also that by virtue of resolution 682(XXXV), adopted at the thirty-fifth session of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, held in 2014, the member States approved the establishment of the Regional Conference on Social Development in Latin America and the Caribbean as a subsidiary body of the Commission,

Bearing in mind that, by virtue of resolution 2014/32, the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations endorsed the establishment of the Regional Conference on Social Development in Latin America and the Caribbean, as set out in resolution 682(XXXV) of the Commission,

Taking into account that, in its capacity as a subsidiary body of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, the Regional Conference on Social Development in Latin America and the Caribbean held its fourth session in virtual format, from 26 to 28 October 2021 in Santiago,

Bearing in mind that, since the preceding session of the Commission, the Regional Conference on Social Development in Latin America and the Caribbean held the fourth and fifth meetings of its Presiding Officers, in virtual format on 13 January 2021 and in person in Cuenca, Ecuador, on 29 September 2022, respectively,

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

¹ See *Report of the World Summit for Social Development* (Copenhagen, 6–12 March 1995) (A/CONF.166/9).

² See *Report of the fourth session of the Regional Conference on Social Development in Latin America and the Caribbean* (LC/CDS.4/4), *Report of the fourth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Social Development in Latin America and the Caribbean* (LC/MDS.4/4) and the draft report of the fifth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Social Development in Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/MDS.5/PINF).

Taking into account the additional challenges brought about by the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic in terms of poverty and inequalities, and acknowledging that such challenges require universal and comprehensive, sustainable, equitable and resilient social protection systems to be strengthened,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the fourth session of the Regional Conference on Social Development in Latin America and the Caribbean, held virtually from October 26 to 28 2021;

2. *Also takes note* of the reports of the fourth and fifth meetings of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Social Development in Latin America and the Caribbean, held virtually on 13 January 2021 and in person in Cuenca, Ecuador, on 29 September 2022, respectively;

3. *Recognizes* that the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development is a universal and inclusive action plan based on the three dimensions of sustainable development —economic, social and environmental— whose goals and targets are indivisible, and that the Regional Conference on Social Development in Latin America and the Caribbean is one of the platforms in which to enhance synergies and pool efforts among the various stakeholders in sustainable development with a focus on the social dimension of sustainable development, in line with the Regional Agenda for Inclusive Social Development, adopted in 2019;

4. *Requests* that the secretariat support the ministries of social development and equivalent entities in the countries in identifying key policy areas that can be strengthened in accordance with the Regional Agenda for Inclusive Social Development, in keeping with national and subnational realities and with a view to the factors that hinder poverty eradication and perpetuate social inequalities in the region;

5. *Also requests* that the secretariat organize, maintain and systematically update the Observatory on Social Development, on the basis of official data provided by the countries;

6. *Further requests* the secretariat to convene the fifth session of the Regional Conference on Social Development in Latin America and the Caribbean in 2023, jointly with the XV Ministerial Forum for Development in Latin America and the Caribbean, which is convened by the United Nations Development Programme.

**760(XXXIX) REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT
IN 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, and resolution 65/234 adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations, whereby it was decided to extend the Programme of Action and the key actions for its further implementation beyond 2014,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 70/1 of 25 September 2015, entitled “Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”, as an instrument for realizing the human rights of all, reducing inequalities and ensuring that no one is left behind,

Recalling also the commitments undertaken in the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development and their contribution to following up on the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development beyond 2014 and implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development,

Bearing in mind that since the thirty-eighth session of the Commission, the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean held its fourth session in Santiago, from 28 to 30 June 2022,

Bearing in mind also that since the thirty-eighth session of the Commission the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean held an executive meeting in virtual format, on 20 May 2021,

Considering all relevant regional and international developments on population and development matters, in particular the Fourth Regional Intergovernmental Conference on Ageing and the Rights of Older Persons in Latin America and the Caribbean, held in Asunción from 27 to 30 June 2017, at which the Asunción Declaration, “Building inclusive societies: ageing with dignity and rights”, was adopted, the Intergovernmental Conference to Adopt the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration, held in Marrakech, Morocco, on 10 and 11 December 2018, at which the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration was adopted, and the International Migration Review Forum, held at United Nations headquarters in New York from 17 to 20 May 2022,¹

1. *Takes note* of the agreements adopted by the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean at its fourth session, held in Santiago from 28 to 30 June 2022, and by the Presiding Officers at their executive meeting, held virtually on 20 May 2021, which are reflected in the respective meeting reports;²

¹ See the Progress Declaration of the International Migration Review Forum (A/RES/76/266) [online] <https://documents-dds-ny.un.org/doc/UNDOC/GEN/N22/376/66/PDF/N2237666.pdf?OpenElement>.

² See *Report of the fourth session of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean* (LC/CRPD.4/7) and *Report of the executive meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean* (LC/REMP.2021/3).

2. *Renews* the countries' commitment to implementing and monitoring the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development, including by taking into account its Operational guide³ as a voluntary technical tool for assisting countries, values the virtual platform to contribute to the regional follow-up of the Montevideo Consensus as a tool that can help to identify gaps and common challenges with a view to strengthening the implementation of the Montevideo Consensus,⁴ and recognizes the contribution of the *First regional report on the implementation of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development*⁵ to the global follow-up to the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development beyond 2014;

3. *Invites* member States to participate in the fifth Regional Intergovernmental Conference on Ageing and the Rights of Older Persons in Latin America and the Caribbean, to be held at the headquarters of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean in Santiago from 13 to 15 December 2022, and in the fourth global five-year review and appraisal of the implementation of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, which will take place in 2023;

4. *Urges* all member States that have not yet done so, to consider signing and ratifying the Inter-American Convention on Protecting the Human Rights of Older Persons, and invites all the stakeholders to ensure its full implementation;

5. *Recognizes* the contribution of the United Nations Population Fund for its support for the activities of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean, and requests the other United Nations agencies, funds and programmes to make their contributions, as appropriate, to the activities to be carried out by the Conference.

³ LC/L.4061(CRPD.2/3)/Rev.1.

⁴ See paragraph 15 of resolution 4(IV) adopted at the fourth session of the Regional Conference on Population and Development of Latin America and the Caribbean, Santiago, 28-30 June 2022 [online] <https://crpd.cepal.org/4/en/documents/resolution-4iv>.

⁵ LC/CRPD.3/6.

**761(XXXIX) MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE ON THE INFORMATION SOCIETY
IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN**

The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,

Reaffirming General Assembly resolution 70/1 of 25 September 2015, entitled “Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”,

Recognizing that the benefits of the information technology revolution are today unevenly distributed between developed and developing countries and within societies, and reaffirming our full commitment to turning these digital divides into digital opportunities for all, particularly for those who risk being left behind and being further marginalized,

Recognizing also that building an inclusive information society requires new forms of solidarity, partnership and cooperation among governments and other stakeholders, namely the private sector, civil society and international organizations,

Taking into account the potential of information and communication technologies for furthering the fulfilment of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Sustainable Development Goals and their targets,

Reaffirming the commitments of the World Summit on the Information Society and the vision of a people-centred, inclusive and development-oriented information society,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 70/125 of 16 December 2015, which reaffirms the need to implement the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society and requests that a high-level meeting be held in 2025,

Taking into account the provisions of paragraph 68 of that resolution, in which the regional commissions of the United Nations are invited to continue their work in implementation of the World Summit on the Information Society action lines and to contribute reviews thereof, including through regional reviews,

Recognizing that the digital economy forms a crucial component of progressive structural change aimed at increasing the relative share of knowledge-intensive production activities in the economy, enhancing competitiveness and making progress towards social inclusion and the reduction of inequality in Latin America and the Caribbean,

Stressing the urgent need for capacity-building to create, share and utilize digital technologies to benefit from the new digital revolution and accelerate the economic and social transformation of Latin American and Caribbean countries,

Emphasizing the need to create conditions in which to boost the digital economy, by addressing barriers that hinder the deployment and diffusion of digital technologies and promoting the exchange of goods and services online,

Mindful that the development of a regional digital market could generate opportunities for innovation, jobs and growth, while stimulating investment, productivity and competitiveness,

Aware of the importance of the Ministerial Conference on the Information Society in Latin America and the Caribbean for promoting regional cooperation on policies relating to the information society and information and communications technologies,

Recognizing that, in the 17 years since its formal establishment in 2005, the Digital Agenda for Latin America and the Caribbean has made significant contributions to a common vision for building an inclusive information society in the region,

Emphasizing that digital technologies have been essential to the functioning of the economy and society during the crisis caused by the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, including by facilitating access to essential goods and services,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the seventh Ministerial Conference on the Information Society in Latin America and the Caribbean, held in virtual format from 23 to 26 November 2020, and of the adoption of the Digital Agenda for Latin America and the Caribbean (eLAC2022);¹

2. *Reinforces* the call for digital solidarity, both at national and international levels, in line with the Geneva Declaration of Principles, in which it is acknowledged that achieving the ambitious goal of bridging the digital divide and ensuring harmonious, fair and equitable development for all will require strong commitment by all stakeholders;

3. *Calls upon* the international community to take the necessary measures to ensure that all countries of the world have equitable and affordable access to information and communication technologies, so that their benefits in the fields of socioeconomic development and bridging the digital divides are truly inclusive;

4. *Calls upon* all member States to participate in the eighth Ministerial Conference on the Information Society in Latin America and the Caribbean, to be held in Montevideo from 16 to 18 November 2022;

5. *Commends* the joint efforts made by member States to strengthen regional collaboration on the information society with a view to identifying the advances achieved by Latin America and the Caribbean in the overall review of the implementation of the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society;

6. *Recognizes* the importance of rethinking the digital governance model within the framework of a digital welfare state that promotes universal, meaningful and affordable access to information and communications technologies, protects the economic, social and labour rights of the population, repudiates the unauthorized collection and improper or unauthorized use of personal data, and fosters innovation and the diffusion of technology in the productive system, for the attainment of the Sustainable Development Goals, and affirms the need to promote public policies for this purpose;

7. *Stresses* the need to close all digital divides, which have been widened by the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, both between and within countries and including rural-urban, youth-older persons and gender digital divides, and to promote digital inclusion, by taking into account national and regional contexts and addressing the challenges associated with access, affordability, digital literacy and digital skills

¹ LC/CMSI.7/5.

and awareness and by ensuring that the benefits of new technologies are available to all, taking into account the needs of those who are in vulnerable situations, and noting the efforts to help to bridge digital divides and expand access, including the Connect 2030 Agenda for Global Telecommunication/Information and Communication Technology, including Broadband, for Sustainable Development;

8. *Requests* the secretariat to continue working with the countries of the region in the implementation and follow-up of decisions adopted at the seventh Ministerial Conference on the Information Society in Latin America and the Caribbean, especially with regard to the advisability and feasibility of advancing an agenda for the development of a regional digital market in close cooperation with stakeholders.

762(XXXIX) PROGRAMME OF WORK AND PRIORITIES OF THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN FOR 2024

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 “Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development” and 69/313 “Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development (Addis Ababa Action Agenda)”, as well as the Paris Agreement,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 75/233 on the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system, as well as General Assembly resolutions 72/279, 72/236, 73/248 and 74/297 and Economic and Social Council resolutions 2019/15 and 2020/23,

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 2021 as reflected in the *Report on the activities of the Commission, 2021*,³ as well as the work priorities for the Commission as set out in the draft programme

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

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

³ LC/SES.39/5.

of work of the ECLAC system, 2024,⁴ which includes the Latin American and Caribbean Institute for Economic and Social Planning, which updates and reinforces the priorities endorsed by the Commission at the thirty-sixth session of the Committee of the Whole, 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 system of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, 2024 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 Paris Agreement, the SIDS Accelerated Modalities of Action (SAMOA) Pathway, the Vienna Programme of Action for Landlocked Developing Countries for the Decade 2014–2024, 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 outcomes and results of major United Nations conferences and summits, and resolution 66/288 “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,

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,

Bearing in mind the Political Declaration on a Sustainable, Inclusive and Resilient Recovery in Latin America and the Caribbean, signed by ministers of foreign affairs and high-level representatives of Latin America and the Caribbean at the thirty-eighth session of the Commission,

Taking note of the United Nations Framework for the Immediate Socio-economic Response to COVID-19 to address the consequences of the coronavirus disease pandemic,

Recognizing that the COVID-19 pandemic has severely impacted Latin America and the Caribbean and reiterating the role of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean in supporting the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, as well as in the regional and global response to achieve a sustainable, resilient and inclusive recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, including 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 of empowered, strategic, effective and impartial leadership through the resident coordinator system and that all entities of the United Nations development system fully support the reinvigorated resident coordinator system, including through inter-agency collaboration,

Recognizing the efforts made by the secretariat of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean to implement its programme of work in a timely manner despite the constraints imposed by the coronavirus disease pandemic,

⁴ LC/SES/39/6.

Recalling its rules of procedure,

1. *Adopts* the programme of work of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, 2024 in its totality, which, together with the amendments proposed and observations made in the discussions held at the thirty-ninth session 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. *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 2024 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 accelerated modalities and priorities of the decade of action for the Sustainable Development Goals, as well as from other internationally agreed action plans and instruments;

3. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to submit the proposed budget for implementing the activities described in the programme of work, 2024 to the relevant United Nations bodies for their consideration;

4. *Welcomes* the *Report on the activities of the Commission, 2021* 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;

5. *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;

6. *Acknowledges* the efforts of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean to ensure the continuity of its operations and availability of products and services considering the challenges imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic;

7. *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;

8. *Emphasizes* the importance of ensuring the implementation of best practices in the gradual return to a new normality in the context of a sustainable, resilient and inclusive recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic and the need to monitor those practices regularly to ensure that they contribute to the operations of the Commission and the implementation of its mandates;

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, with a view to strengthening and broadening 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-seventh session of the Committee of the Whole of the Commission.

**763(XXXIX) CONFERENCE ON SCIENCE, INNOVATION AND INFORMATION
AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGIES OF THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION
FOR LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN**

The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,

Recalling the Buenos Aires Plan of Action for Promoting and Implementing Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries, which was endorsed by the United Nations General Assembly in its resolution 33/134 of 19 December 1978,¹

Considering the key role played by the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean in the region in recent years in facilitating and encouraging dialogue among representatives of the countries of the region, and in promoting the consolidation of institutions devoted to science, technology and innovation, as well as policies and regulatory frameworks for such activities,

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

Recalling resolution 672(XXXIV) adopted at the thirty-fourth session of the Commission, establishing the Conference on Science, Innovation and Information and Communications Technologies of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,

Recalling also United Nations General Assembly resolution 72/242 on the impact of rapid technological change on the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals, adopted on 22 December 2017,

Reaffirming that science, technology and innovation, including information and communications technologies, are essential enablers and drivers for the achievement of the internationally agreed development goals, including the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development,

Aware of the importance of the Conference on Science, Innovation and Information and Communications Technologies for promoting regional cooperation on policies relating to science, technology and innovation, including information and communications technologies,

Recognizing the strategic and essential role of science, technology, innovation and digital technologies in addressing the impacts of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, including by facilitating access to essential goods and services,

Bearing in mind that since the thirty-eighth session of the Commission, the Conference on Science, Innovation and Information and Communications Technologies held its third meeting, in hybrid format, from 13 to 15 December 2021,

¹ See chapter I of *Report of the United Nations Conference on Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries, Buenos Aires, 30 August to 12 September 1978 (A/CONF.79/13/Rev.1)*.

1. *Takes note* of the report of the third meeting of the Conference on Science, Innovation and Information and Communications Technologies, held in hybrid format from 13 to 15 December 2021, the adoption of the Buenos Aires Declaration and the biennial programme of regional and international cooperation activities for 2022–2023 on science, innovation and information and communications technologies, contained in the annex to that Declaration;²

2. *Reaffirms* the need to improve the positioning of science, technology and innovation policies with a view to fostering dynamic sectors that lay the foundations for more sustainable and inclusive development in the countries of the region.

² LC/CCITIC.3/4.

764(XXXIX) 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 exchange information and share experiences with a view to addressing the economic, social and environmental challenges and furthering sustainable development and the achievement of the 2030 Agenda and its Sustainable Development Goals,

Bearing in mind that the Monitoring Committee of the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee held its twentieth meeting in virtual format on 5 November 2021, and the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee held its twenty-ninth session on 14 October 2022, and that, on those occasions, they adopted conclusions and resolutions, which appear in their respective reports,¹

Recalling that the Caribbean Development Roundtable, which brings together high-level experts and policymakers to consider key issues relating to development in the subregion, was first established by the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee in March 2010,²

Recognizing the Caribbean Development Roundtable as a valuable forum for fostering strategic thinking and stimulating the consideration of policy options to address critical Caribbean development challenges, and as a mechanism for forging partnerships between Latin America and the Caribbean through dialogue and engagement,

Highlighting the positive contribution made by the seventh meeting of the Caribbean Development Roundtable to the consideration of key issues on the sustainable development agenda of Caribbean small island developing States, particularly debt sustainability, resilience-building and economic recovery post- COVID-19,

1. *Takes note* of the recommendations formulated by the Monitoring Committee at its twentieth meeting and the resolutions adopted by the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee at its twenty-ninth session;

2. *Welcomes* the convening of the Caribbean Development Roundtable on a biennial basis and calls on development partners to work in collaboration with the members of the Commission in support of these meetings;

3. *Reaffirms* the key role of the Commission, particularly through its subregional headquarters for the Caribbean, in coordinating development support for the subregion, in collaboration with the agencies, funds and programmes of the United Nations system and through direct engagement with Caribbean development partners, including the Caribbean Community and the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States;

¹ See the resolutions adopted at the twenty-ninth session of the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee, and *Report of the twentieth meeting of the Monitoring Committee of the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee* (LC/MCCDCC.20/4).

² See resolution 73(XXIII), adopted by the Committee at its twenty-third session, held in St. George's on 15 and 17 March 2010 (LC/CAR/L.257).

4. *Welcomes* the role that the Commission, particularly through its subregional headquarters for the Caribbean, is mandated to play in supporting the efforts of the small island developing States to monitor and advance the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and other relevant global instruments, including the Addis Ababa Action Agenda, the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015–2030, the SIDS Accelerated Modalities of Action (SAMOA) Pathway and the Paris Agreement;

5. *Urges* the Executive Secretary to employ all measures necessary to ensure the full implementation of the resolutions adopted by the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee at its twenty-ninth session, the recommendations formulated by the Monitoring Committee at its twentieth meeting and the conclusions reached at the seventh meeting of the Caribbean Development Roundtable.

**765(XXXIX) REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE VIENNA PROGRAMME
OF ACTION FOR LANDLOCKED DEVELOPING COUNTRIES
FOR THE DECADE 2014–2024**

The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,

Recalling the Vienna Declaration and the Vienna Programme of Action for Landlocked Developing Countries for the Decade 2014–2024,¹ adopted at the second United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries, held in Vienna from 3 to 5 November 2014, at which all relevant stakeholders expressed their commitment to the implementation of the Programme of Action,

Reaffirming the overarching goal of the Vienna Programme of Action of addressing the special development needs and challenges of landlocked developing countries arising from their landlockedness, remoteness and geographical constraints in a more coherent manner,

Recalling that, in its resolution 69/232, the General Assembly called upon the relevant organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to integrate the Vienna Programme of Action into their programmes of work, as appropriate, within their respective mandates, and to support landlocked and transit developing countries in the implementation of the Programme of Action in a well-coordinated and coherent manner,

Recalling also its resolutions 711(XXXVI), 732(XXXVII) and 745(XXXVIII) on the implementation of the Vienna Programme of Action for Landlocked Developing Countries for the Decade 2014–2024, adopted at the thirty-sixth, thirty-seventh and thirty-eighth sessions of the Commission, respectively,

Bearing in mind the Political Declaration of the High-level Midterm Review on the Implementation of the Vienna Programme of Action for Landlocked Developing Countries for the Decade 2014–2024,²

Bearing in mind also that the six priority areas of the Vienna Programme of Action, namely, fundamental transit policy issues, infrastructure development and maintenance, international trade and trade facilitation, regional integration and cooperation, structural economic transformation and means of implementation, are fundamental for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals set out in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development,³

1. *Reiterates* its invitation to member States to mainstream the Vienna Programme of Action into their national and sectoral development strategies at the national and regional level, as well as its invitation to regional and subregional organizations to integrate the Vienna Programme of Action into their relevant programmes of work and to provide technical and financial support for its implementation; and again encourages the private sector to contribute to the implementation of the Vienna Programme of Action, including through transparent, effective and accountable public-private partnerships;

¹ General Assembly resolution 69/137.

² General Assembly resolution 74/15.

³ General Assembly resolution 70/1.

2. *Calls upon* the secretariat to continue providing technical support to the region's landlocked developing countries in areas related to the Vienna Programme of Action, such as infrastructure investment, trade facilitation, transport facilitation, logistical integration and logistics cost studies and its impact on the gross domestic product (GDP) of these countries,

3. *Underlines* that South-South and triangular cooperation are vital to the landlocked developing countries, especially in the areas of productive capacity-building, infrastructure, energy, science and technology, trade, investment and transit transport cooperation;

4. *Encourages* financial institutions and regional banks, in collaboration with other stakeholders, including the private sector, to make investments to address gaps in renewable energy, information and communications technology, e-commerce, trade, transport and transit-related regional infrastructure.

766(XXXIX) 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 the Government of Peru to host the fortieth session of the Commission,

1. *Expresses its gratitude* to the Government of Peru for its generous invitation;
2. *Accepts* this invitation with appreciation;
3. *Recommends* that the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations approve the decision to hold the fortieth session of the Commission in Peru in 2024.