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Sixty-sixth meeting of the Presiding Officers
of the Regional Conference on Women
in Latin America and the Caribbean

Santiago, 4 and 5 December 2024

AGREEMENTS

At their sixty-sixth meeting, the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean agreed to:

1. *Reaffirm* once again the commitment to take all necessary and progressive measures so that States, as duty bearers, accelerate the effective implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the Regional Gender Agenda, strengthening gender equality institutions and architecture through the prioritization at the highest level of machineries for the advancement of women, including at the ministerial or equivalent level, reinforcing the role of these mechanisms as the governing bodies of policies on gender equality and women's rights and autonomy, and ensuring that gender equality is mainstreamed throughout the State structure, and by increasing the allocation of financial, technical and human resources, gender budgeting, and monitoring and accountability, with civic participation;
2. *Take note* of the report by the secretariat on the Gender Equality Observatory for Latin America and the Caribbean and support the strengthening of the Observatory through the update of official gender statistics and indicators and of a repository for regulatory frameworks, and the development of studies that will contribute to monitoring the commitments of the Regional Gender Agenda and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and to building institutional capacity with a gender perspective in the countries of the region;
3. *Also take note* of paragraph 3 of the agreements adopted by the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on South-South Cooperation in Latin America and the Caribbean at their first meeting, held in June 2024, by which they request the secretariat, with the support of other agencies, funds and programmes of the United Nations, to prepare a plan of action for mainstreaming a gender perspective in international development cooperation policies and programmes, as a methodological and conceptual tool to guide the appropriate incorporation and implementation of the gender perspective in the various modalities of cooperation between member States, and to present this document at the second session of the Regional Conference on South-South Cooperation in Latin America and the Caribbean;¹

¹ See [online] <https://www.cepal.org/en/events/first-meeting-presiding-officers-regional-conference-south-south-cooperation-latin-america#section-documents>.

4. *Further take note* of decision III/5, “Mainstreaming the gender perspective”, adopted at the third meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Regional Agreement on Access to Information, Public Participation and Justice in Environmental Matters in Latin America and the Caribbean;²

5. *Recall* the countries’ commitment to implement and monitor the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development, including by taking into account its Operational guide,³ and recognize its contribution to the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean in that regard;

6. *Take note* of the report on the Regional Fund in Support of Women’s and Feminist Organizations and Movements, presented by the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women in its capacity as administrative body, which refers to the outcome of the second call for proposals from women’s and feminist movements and organizations and networks and to upcoming activities related to the Fund;

7. *Encourage* once again the governments of Latin America and the Caribbean and of other regions, developed countries, the agencies, funds and programmes of the United Nations and other relevant stakeholders to contribute financial resources to ensure the sustainability of the Regional Fund in Support of Women’s and Feminists Organizations and Movements;

8. *Thank* the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean and the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women for their co-organization of the regional consultation for Latin America and the Caribbean prior to the sixty-ninth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, within the framework of this sixty-sixth meeting of the Presiding Officers;

9. *Welcome* the document *Action for equality, development and peace in Latin America and the Caribbean: draft regional report on the review of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, 30 years on, in synergy with the implementation of the Regional Gender Agenda*⁴ and the key developments and challenges in the region identified therein, in the following six thematic areas: (i) inclusive development, shared prosperity and decent work, (ii) poverty eradication, social protection and social services, (iii) eradication of violence, stigma and stereotypes, (iv) participation, accountability and gender-responsive institutions, (v) peaceful and inclusive societies, and (vi) environmental conservation, protection and restoration, and request delegations to submit any comments thereon to the secretariat no later than 21 December 2024;

10. *Also welcome* the declaration adopted at the special regional consultation prior to the sixty-ninth session of the Commission on the Status of Women in the framework of this sixty-sixth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean;

11. *Request* the Government of Costa Rica, in its capacity as Vice-Chair of the Commission on the Status of Women representing the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States, to present the declaration adopted at the regional consultation and the agreements of the sixty-sixth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean at the sixty-ninth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, to be held in March 2025;

12. *Endorse* the annotated index of the position document of the sixteenth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean and request the secretariat to include the contributions from delegations at the present meeting;

² See [online] <https://acuerdodeescazu.cepal.org/cop3/en/documents/decisions-adopted>.

³ LC/L.4061(CRPD.2/3)/Rev.1.

⁴ LC/MDM.66/3.

13. *Welcome* the report presented by the delegation of Mexico on the preparations for the sixteenth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean, which will be held in Mexico City from 12 to 15 August 2025;

14. *Adopt* the proposal of the secretariat on the road map for the preparatory process of the sixteenth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean, request Mexico, in its capacity as Vice-Chair of the Presiding Officers and host of the Conference, to lead the implementation of that road map, and urge the governments to participate actively in the preparatory activities.