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

Virtual meeting, 26–27 January 2022

AGREEMENTS

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

1. *Call once again* for COVID-19 response and recovery policies to incorporate a gender perspective, to include participation by all women and girls in their design and implementation, and to help to overcome the multiple and intersecting forms of violence, discrimination, exclusion and inequality that disproportionately affect women and girls in all their diversity and are manifest in increased unemployment and poverty in the vast majority of the region's countries, as well as in the overburden of paid and unpaid domestic and care work, and which threaten to widening existing gaps and reverse progress towards the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals and the Regional Gender Agenda;

2. *Reaffirm once again* the commitment to take all necessary measures to 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 of machineries for the advancement of women and gender mainstreaming by the different levels and branches of the State, by increasing the allocation of financial, technical and human resources, gender budgeting, and monitoring and accountability, with citizen participation, which will foster public policies for response to the COVID- 19 pandemic and a transformative and gender-equal post-pandemic recovery;

3. *Reiterate* the call to advance recovery plans with affirmative actions that foster comprehensive care systems, decent work and the full and effective participation of women in strategic sectors of the economy for a transformative recovery with gender equality aimed at the sustainability of life and for the transition to a care society;

4. *Invite* those countries in the region that have not yet done so to join the Global Alliance for Care Work, launched by Mexico with the support of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women), and the Generation Equality Forum Action Coalitions;

5. *Welcome* the report on the Regional Alliance for Women's Digitalization in Latin America and the Caribbean, commend the progress made by some countries in the region to close gender gaps in access to, skills development for and use of information and communications technologies by women and girls, and reiterate the call to promote full participation by women in the digital economy;

6. *Also welcome* the report on the Regional Fund in support of Women's and Feminist Organizations and Movements, presented by its Board of Directors, which refers to the first call to strengthen women's and feminist organizations and to the progress made regarding operational aspects of 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, and thank Mexico for its cooperation with the Fund through the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN- Women), the administrative body;

8. *Recognize* the coordinated work of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean and the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean on gender mainstreaming in regional statistical production, as stated in resolution 12(XI) of the eleventh meeting of the Statistical Conference of the Americas;

9. *Commend* the adoption of the *Methodological guide on time-use measurements in Latin America and the Caribbean (Summary)*¹ at the eleventh meeting of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean and reiterate the call to the countries of the region at that meeting to incorporate, on a regular basis, the production of time-use surveys into their work programmes as an essential tool for measuring unpaid work and monitoring gender inequalities;

10. *Recognize* the outcome of the third meeting of the Conference on Science, Innovation and Information and Communications Technologies of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean regarding gender mainstreaming in policies and initiatives related to the development of science, technology and innovation as part of the biennial programme of regional and international cooperation activities in science, innovation and information and communications technologies, 2022–2023;²

11. *Thank* the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean and the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) for their joint organization of the regional consultation for Latin America and the Caribbean prior to the sixty-sixth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, within the framework of the sixty-second meeting of the Presiding Officers;

12. *Congratulate* the Government of Chile, in its capacity as Chair of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean, on the success of the sixty-second meeting of the Presiding Officers and acknowledge the contributions of the Government of Argentina, in its capacity as Vice-Chair of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and Vice-Chair of the Commission on the Status of Women representing the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States (GRULAC), for their contributions in moderating the special regional consultation in preparation for the sixty-sixth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, held within the framework of the sixty-second meeting of the Presiding Officers;

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

¹ LC/CEA.11/4.

² Buenos Aires Declaration, 15 December 2021 [online] https://innovalac.cepal.org/3/sites/innovalac3/files/21-00974_ccitic.3_buenos_aires_declaration.pdf.

14. *Request* the Government of Chile, in its capacity as Chair of the sixty-second meeting of the Presiding Officers and the Government of Argentina, in its capacity as Vice-Chair of the Commission on the Status of Women representing the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States (GRULAC), to present the declaration adopted at the special regional consultation session and the agreements of the sixty-second meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean at the sixty-sixth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, to be held in March 2022;

15. *Adopt* the proposal of the secretariat regarding the preparatory activities for the fifteenth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean to be held in the first week of November 2022 in Buenos Aires, under the theme "The care society: a horizon for sustainable recovery with gender equality", which includes subregional sessions, meetings with experts and a broad participatory process, and urge the governments to participate actively in those activities;

16. *Express* deep gratitude to Alicia Bárcena Ibarra, Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, for her leadership, commitment and outstanding work, and for her efforts in favour of the rights and autonomy of women in Latin America and the Caribbean, as well as for her tireless efforts in favour of gender equality to achieve sustainable development and a care society in the region.