

**DRAFT AGREEMENTS REACHED BY THE PRESIDING OFFICERS OF THE
REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON WOMEN IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE
CARIBBEAN AT THEIR FORTIETH MEETING**

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

1. Congratulate and thank Patricia Espinosa, Chairperson of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean and President of the National Women's Institute of Mexico, for her leadership and success in chairing the meetings of the Presiding Officers;
2. Thank the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean and the United Nations Development Fund for Women for having prepared national studies on the Millennium Development Goals and gender equity and for having conducted dissemination and follow-up activities in the countries concerned;
3. Disseminate the report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations, entitled "In-depth study on all forms of violence against women"¹ and the regional report entitled "El derecho a vivir una vida libre de violencia. Estado de situación en América Latina y el Caribe. Desafíos y propuestas" [The right to a violence-free existence. The situation in Latin America and the Caribbean: challenges and proposals] through workshops, seminars and training activities for governmental and non-governmental stakeholders;
4. Recommend that all members of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean support the adoption of a resolution by the United Nations General Assembly calling for the eradication of all forms of violence against women;
5. Approve the draft annotated outline² for a document to be entitled, "Women's contribution to equality in Latin America and the Caribbean", with the observations made at this meeting of the Presiding Officers as set forth in the corresponding report; this outline is to serve as a basis for the document to be presented at the tenth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean;
6. Undertake the efforts needed to systematize national statistical information from a gender perspective, with reference, insofar as possible, to the status of indigenous and Afrodescendent women, and make information from national sources and relevant analyses available to the secretariat of the Commission for use in preparing that document;
7. Welcome the contributions of bodies belonging to the United Nations system and the inter-American system to the tenth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean, and request that they furnish studies conducted in the

¹ A/61/122/Add.1

² LC/L.2602(MDM.40).

region dealing with the analysis of women's contribution to the economy and social protection –especially as it relates to unpaid labour– and of political participation and gender parity in decision-making at all levels, to the secretariat for use in preparing the position paper for the tenth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean;

8. Approve the secretariat's proposal regarding the organization of the preparatory process for the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean, which calls for three subregional meetings and two virtual forums, and the format for the four-day session, which will include side events and participation by civil society;

9. Request the secretariat to convey the resolve of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean to the competent organs of the United Nations to have a Division of Women and Gender within the Commission;

10. Request the secretariat to include the main findings of the International Seminar on Gender Parity and Political Participation in Latin America and the Caribbean as inputs for the document to be presented at the tenth session of the Regional Conference;

11. Request the Commission to invite regional and subregional networks of nongovernmental women's organizations that are recognized for their work in implementing the Programme of Action for the Women of Latin America and the Caribbean, with special attention being devoted to indigenous and Afrodescendent women and young women, to participate in the tenth session of the Regional Conference;

12. Incorporate representatives of nongovernmental organizations and civil society, as well as parliamentarians and young women, into the official delegations attending the tenth session of the Regional Conference.