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STATISTICAL CONFERENCE OF THE AMERICAS OF THE ECONOMIC
COMMISSION FOR LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN**

Santiago, 20-22 April 2010

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A. ATTENDANCE AND ORGANIZATION OF WORK

Place and date of the meeting

1. The Executive Committee of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) held its ninth meeting in Santiago, from 20 to 22 April 2010.

Attendance¹

2. The meeting was attended by representatives of the following member countries of the Conference which serve on the Executive Committee: Bahamas, Canada, Colombia, Cuba, Dominican Republic and Uruguay.

3. Representatives of the following member countries of the Conference were also present: Argentina, Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Brazil, Chile, Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Spain, Suriname and United States.

4. A representative of the United Nations Statistics Division attended from the United Nations Secretariat.

5. Also present were representatives of the following United Nations funds and bodies: United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM), United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), International Labour Organization (ILO), United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and World Health Organization/Pan American Health Organization (WHO/PAHO).

6. Representatives of the following intergovernmental organizations were also present: Latin American Integration Association (LAIA), Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), Caribbean Community (CARICOM), Central American Monetary Council (CAMC), Inter-American Statistical Institute (IASI) and Southern Common Market (MERCOSUR).

Chair

7. Pablo Tactuk, Director of the National Statistical Office of the Dominican Republic chaired the meeting in his capacity as Chair of the Executive Committee of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC, while the representative of Uruguay acted as Rapporteur.

¹ See annex 1.

B. AGENDA

8. The Committee adopted the following agenda:
 1. Adoption of the agenda
 2. Consideration and adoption of the programme of work of the working groups of the Conference for the period 2010-2011
 - (a) Report by the secretariat
 - (b) Working Group on Gender Statistics
 - (c) Working Group on Censuses
 - (d) Working Group on the Monitoring of Progress towards the Millennium Development Goals
 - (e) Working Group on National Accounts
 - (f) Working Group on Information and Communications Technologies
 - (g) Working Group on Institution-building
 - (h) Working Group on Environmental Statistics
 - (i) Working Group on Harmonization of Statistics on Income Poverty and Public Transfers
 - (j) Knowledge Transfer Network
 3. Review of initiatives on international statistical cooperation
 - (a) 2011 round of the International Comparison Programme
 - (b) Project on the Directory of Businesses and Establishments
 - (c) Report on the integrated presentation of statistical activities conducted by international bodies and organizations and the member countries of the Conference
 - (d) Subregional cooperation activities
 - (i) Caribbean Community (CARICOM)
 - (ii) Andean Community
 - (iii) Southern Common Market (MERCOSUR)
 - (iv) Central America
 4. Presentation by the Statistical Conference of the Americas at the upcoming thirty-third session of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean
 5. Identification and review of statistical topics of interest for the Executive Committee
 6. Adoption of agreements
 7. Closing session

C. SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS

9. At the opening session, statements were made by Luis Beccaria, Director of the Statistics and Economic Projections Division of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), on behalf of Alicia Bárcena, Executive Secretary of ECLAC, and Pablo Tactuk, Director of the National Statistical Office of the Dominican Republic and Chair of the Executive Committee of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC.

10. After welcoming the participants, the Director of the Statistics and Economic Projections Division of ECLAC outlined the issues that would be addressed at the ninth meeting of the Executive Committee of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC. He drew attention to the work carried out by the working groups created by the Conference to meet the ambitious targets set out in the Biennial Programme of Regional and International Cooperation Activities, 2009-2011. The speaker referred to two cooperation projects that the Executive Committee would review during the meeting, namely, the project on the regional statistical framework for the directory of businesses and establishments within the framework of the Regional Public Goods Program of the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), and the International Comparison Programme. He encouraged all countries in Latin America and the Caribbean to participate in the 2011 round of the International Comparison Programme. Lastly, he said that the participants would examine the various suggestions put forward by member States of the Conference and by international funds, programmes and agencies for celebrating World Statistics Day, set by the United Nations Statistical Commission for 20 October 2010.

11. The Chair of the Executive Committee said that the Statistical Conference of the Americas was becoming more firmly established as the intergovernmental body responsible for coordinating international statistical activities in Latin America and the Caribbean. Statistics could play a powerful role as a development tool, hence the need to establish independent and impartial national statistical systems. With regard to the main aims of the ninth meeting of the Executive Committee of the Conference, the speaker highlighted the consideration and adoption of the programme of work of the working groups and the presentation of the initiatives and projects created by the Statistical Conference of the Americas that would be carried out in 2010-2011. He also called on multilateral bodies to provide support, through microfinance, for the activities of the working groups in 2010-2011. In conclusion, after thanking everyone for attending and for their support, he enthusiastically invited participants to start getting ready for the first World Statistics Day.

Consideration and adoption of the programme of work of the working groups of the Conference for the period 2010-2011 (agenda item 2)

(a) Report by the secretariat

12. A representative of the secretariat described the process of presenting, considering and adopting the programme of work of the working groups of the Conference for the period 2010-2011

(b) Working Group on Gender Statistics

13. The report of the Working Group on Gender Statistics was presented by the representative of Mexico, who said that the group aimed to promote the development, systematization and dissemination of gender statistics and indicators, and their strategic use for the definition, follow-up and evaluation of public policies in all countries of the region. Among other specific objectives, he highlighted the

development of statistical and methodological capacities, strengthening the ties between producers and users of statistics, especially the relationship between mechanisms for the advancement of women and national statistical offices, and promoting international cooperation for the development and dissemination of gender statistics. Those objectives would focus on three thematic areas: time use and unpaid work, statistics on violence against women and measuring poverty from a gender perspective. Under those thematic areas, there was an emphasis on promoting the conceptual and methodological development of statistical projects with a gender focus in the region, as well as the production of statistics and indicators.

14. The Officer-in-Charge of the Division for Gender Affairs of ECLAC pointed out how useful the information collected by the Gender Equality Observatory for Latin America and the Caribbean was for drafting public policies in the countries of the region. A number of representatives from countries in the Caribbean referred to the progress made on gender indicators in the subregion and expressed an interest in having documentation in English to continue making progress in that regard.

(c) Working Group on Censuses

15. The report of the Working Group on Censuses was presented by the representative of Paraguay, who mentioned that the objectives of the working group were to promote and carry out activities in three areas: training, exchange of experiences on managing and carrying out censuses and harmonization. She suggested that four sub-working groups could be created to address specific areas: methodology, processing and technology, cartography and dissemination of results. She also emphasized the need to secure financing for the activities planned for the 2010-2011 biennium.

16. The Director of the Latin American and Caribbean Demographic Centre (CELADE)-Population Division of ECLAC said that issues relating to the 2010 round of censuses would be addressed at a higher political level at the thirty-third session of ECLAC, which would be held in Brasilia from 30 May to 1 June 2010. He stated, and most participants agreed, that financing was needed to carry out more extensive courses on demographic analysis in 2010.

(d) Working Group on the Monitoring of Progress towards the Millennium Development Goals

17. The representative of Argentina was responsible for the presentation on the above-mentioned working group. He referred to the various meetings that had been held on the matter to date and highlighted the issues that had been addressed, in particular, the process of implementing the initiative following up on the Millennium Development Goals and institutional coordination in relation to the relevant national reports. The speaker highlighted other matters that were the subject of debate, including the problems and limitations associated with calculating the indicators of each Goal, estimating indicators at the subnational level, expectations regarding the indicators that would be available from the 2010 round of censuses, and progress made towards harmonizing indicators in the regional groups.

18. Some delegations then expressed concern about the discrepancies between national statistics on Millennium Development Goals and those of international bodies. In that regard, a representative of the Statistics and Economic Projections Division of ECLAC described the activities that the Commission was carrying out to achieve a regional convergence on Millennium Development Goals indicators.

(e) Working Group on National Accounts

19. Speaking on behalf of the country coordinating the working group, the representative of Peru said that the programme of work included tasks to strengthen international coordination for the implementation of the System of National Accounts (SNA), provide information on the methodologies and best practices used in estimating national accounts in the region, support the regional harmonization of methodologies, classifications, periodicity and coverage relating to national accounts and basic statistics, and broaden the capacity and the specific technical know-how of staff of national statistical institutes and central banks. He also detailed the activities carried out by the working group to date and the programme of work for 2010-2011, including the objectives and various outputs.

20. The representative of Spain said that his country wished to participate actively in the work to be carried out in the near future with regard to national accounts, in coordination with the working group led by Peru, and to participate in work of the regional plan for the implementation of the System of National Accounts (SNA) 2008. He recalled the importance of involving central banks in that task since they were responsible for those statistics in many countries of the region. The timely generation of basic information should be a priority. Participants stressed that countries, especially those in the Caribbean, should receive help from other, more developed countries in producing statistics and maintained that language should not be a barrier to the exchange of information. The representative of Colombia highlighted the need for short-term, timely indicators and raised the question of whether it would be advisable to bring forward the deadlines for publishing national accounts results. He proposed that the issue should be included in the programme of the working group.

(f) Working Group on Information and Communications Technologies

21. The representative of the Dominican Republic was responsible for the presentation on the working group. She referred to the general and specific objectives of the group and its main activities, in particular the inclusion or updating of a module on information and communications technology in household and business surveys, the discussion regarding indicators for Governments and education and health sectors, and enhancing the regional database of the Observatory for the Information Society in Latin America and the Caribbean (OSILAC).

22. A representative of OSILAC referred to the progress made in the work of the Observatory and the planned activities for 2010. Among other aspects, she highlighted the growing percentage of countries that were monitoring key indicators in household and business surveys in Latin America and the Caribbean and requested countries to send the corresponding databases so that the Observatory could update its system.

(g) Working Group on Institution-building

23. The representative of Colombia presented the programme of work of the Working Group on Institution-building. The specific objective of the working group was to prepare and promote the implementation of a code of good practice in statistics in Latin America and the Caribbean, as well as to promote the use of international statistical standards in the countries of the region. He highlighted the progress made in the working group's activities with regard to applying instruments, preparing the draft code, selecting good practices and producing a database of national and international good practices. The representative of Mexico referred to the activities undertaken to prepare an analysis of the standards in labour markets, health and education, to create a database guaranteeing the regional coverage of

standards, to exchange experiences on the Accelerated Data Program (a system of meta-information), and to formulate recommendations on future harmonization mechanisms.

24. Lastly, he said that a first draft of the points to be examined in relation to principles 8 to 15 of the European Statistics Code of Practice had been drawn up for the next joint meeting of ECLAC, the working group and the Statistical Office of the European Communities (EUROSTAT) in Luxembourg and that steps would be taken towards defining the concept and structure of the code of good practice in statistics in Latin America and the Caribbean.

(h) Working Group on Environmental Statistics

25. Referring to the group's objectives, the representative of Mexico, the coordinator of the working group, highlighted the promotion of regional and subregional cooperation activities to strengthen the capacity of member States to produce environmental statistics, the exchange of experiences and good practices relating to the development of environmental statistics systems, the development of a series of common and harmonized environmental sustainability indicators, the establishment of priorities regarding countries' needs in terms of creating or strengthening capacities, and the promotion of the use of the System of Integrated Environmental and Economic Accounting as a framework for producing statistics and the corresponding indicators in the region.

26. Representatives of various countries declared their support and backing for the working group and requested international bodies to uphold its work. They also asked that the importance of the working group within the framework of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC should be recognized since, through its activities, it addressed an emerging issue that was extremely relevant to the region. The participants pointed out that not only national statistical bodies but also ministries of the environment were involved in that area. Particular reference was made to the problem of generating basic statistics and to the need for support in producing databases. The huge imbalance in generating environmental statistics in the region was mentioned.

(i) Working Group on Harmonization of Statistics on Income Poverty and Public Transfers

27. The representative of Uruguay gave the presentation on the Working Group on Harmonization of Statistics on Income Poverty and Public Transfers and drew attention to the group's main objectives, namely: to establish basic agreements on the harmonization of criteria and definitions to be used, to disseminate those basic agreements, and to promote horizontal cooperation and training. Some of the activities planned for the 2010-2011 biennium were mentioned, including drafting reports on the similarities and differences in the methodologies used to estimate poverty in the region and on regionally harmonized criteria, holding meetings and drafting a regional cooperation plan.

28. Participants mentioned some issues that should be taken into consideration, including: the exploration of new, multidimensional methods for measuring poverty; and the possibility of counting non-monetary transfers as part of the resources of a household in order to include them when measuring monetary poverty. It was emphasized that the new poverty measurement initiatives would require a strengthening of the information collected in household surveys, and it was therefore important to consider a regional strategy for improving those sources of information.

29. A representative of the Statistics and Economic Projections Division of ECLAC said that efforts were being made to establish best practices for measuring poverty and to update the existing measurement parameters, but more funding was needed to make further progress in that regard. He suggested that new

methods of measurement should be explored. Various delegations expressed a desire to participate more actively in the working group.

(j) Knowledge Transfer Network

30. The representative of Mexico listed the tasks carried out by the Knowledge Transfer Network in 2009, including collecting information on the training offered in the countries of the region, drawing up the training programme for the 2010-2011 biennium, updating the information on the Network's website and administering the necessary funding from the World Bank for the relevant activities. He then presented the proposed activities for the 2010-2011 biennium, which included drafting the Network's operating rules, updating and disseminating information on training activities, carrying out an annual survey to identify the human resource training and development needs of countries and the working groups of the Conference, making efficient use of the Network's resources and establishing which countries would be responsible for knowledge transfer tasks (Canada for French- and English-speaking countries in the Caribbean, Mexico for Central America and Spanish-speaking Caribbean countries, Colombia for the Andean subregion and Chile for the Southern Cone). He said that translating information on the training activities on offer into English was of the utmost importance and invited countries to provide the Network with information on their training activities.

31. The Chair of the Executive Committee reiterated the importance of translating the information collected into English and the representative of Spain said that it was vital to make all the information available at a single portal to avoid duplication of activities. A number of participants emphasized the need for all working groups and international organizations to use the Network's website to disseminate information about their courses, seminars, workshops and other types of activities concerning knowledge transfer. The representative of the Inter-American Development Bank asked that projects funded by the Bank be included in the Network.

Review of initiatives on international statistical cooperation (agenda item 3)

(a) 2011 round of the International Comparison Programme

32. The representative of the Statistics and Economic Projections Division of ECLAC said that the aim of the International Comparison Programme was to estimate parity exchange rates in the region, but he drew attention to the difficulties in obtaining adequate funding to begin that task. Most countries had expressed an interest in participating in the Programme and he stressed the need for funding. In that connection, he said that negotiations were under way with various bodies, including the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) and the World Bank.

33. The Chair of the Executive Committee proposed that the advisory committee for the International Comparison Programme should be composed of representatives of Brazil, Colombia, Cuba, the Dominican Republic, Mexico and Uruguay. The representative of the Statistics and Economic Projections Division of ECLAC suggested that the Standing Committee of Caribbean Statisticians should appoint the members of the advisory committee from that subregion. The representative of Colombia offered the collaboration and facilities of the Andean Centre for Higher Studies (CANDANE) for training activities. The representative of El Salvador suggested that central banks should participate in the International Comparison Programme; that suggestion received broad support from the delegations. The representative of the Central American Monetary Council (CAMC) said that meetings had been held between national statistical institutions and central banks with a view to developing regional indicators and offered the Council's support for the project.

(b) Project on the Directory of Businesses and Establishments

34. The representative of the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) presented a report on the activities planned for implementing the regional statistical framework for the Project on the Directory of Businesses and Establishments. Set in motion at the Statistical Conference of the Americas with the aim of improving economic statistics the project had four components: (i) assessment of the situation, (ii) preparation of the strategy and plan of action, (iii) technical recommendations, and (iv) training plan. The aim was to come to a regional consensus on defining a strategy for preparing, implementing and managing a Directory of Businesses and Establishments.

35. The representative of Chile said that her country hoped to participate actively in the project and that Chile had put itself forward to take on the technical coordination of the fourth component. The representative of Spain expressed his country's support for the work that would be carried out in connection with the project in the future and in particular for the country selected to develop the issue of training. The representative of Colombia recalled that his country had been involved since the outset in the preparation of the project and had put itself forward as the candidate to coordinate the third component.

(c) Report on the integrated presentation of statistical activities conducted by international bodies and organizations and the member countries of the Conference

36. The secretariat informed participants of the results of the process of updating the database on the statistical activities of the international bodies in the region, highlighting the increase in the number of participating bodies and in recorded activities. The activities carried out under each thematic area to date were listed, as well as the more regular activities, a breakdown of the technical cooperation and training activities was presented, and the results to date of the updating process were announced. With regard to the next steps, data on certain areas were still missing and some bodies had not yet sent updated information on their activities.

37. The representative of the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM) presented a summary of the international cooperation activities relating to time-use and unpaid work and said that it would be of interest to estimate the magnitude and distribution of paid and unpaid activities carried out inside and outside the home. The challenge in the region was to establish harmonized indicators to achieve the stated objectives and international coordination and cooperation and good practices would play an important part in that regard. Delegates expressed the hope that countries and organizations would establish priorities and take advantage of the database as a tool for coordinating action.

(d) Subregional cooperation activities

38. The representatives of the different coordination mechanisms in the Caribbean, the Central American Statistical Commission of the Central American Integration System (CENTROESTAD), the Andean Community and the Southern Common Market (MERCOSUR) reported to participants on the progress made and outstanding challenges in relation to the coordination of statistical activities in their respective areas.

39. A number of representatives then underscored the need to continue strengthening national statistical systems in order to develop a regional statistical system, and to engage in a more in-depth dialogue with a view to moving forward with statistical harmonization in the region.

Presentation by the Statistical Conference of the Americas at the upcoming thirty-third session of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (agenda item 4)

40. The Chair of the Executive Committee reported on the issues that would be included in the presentation by the Statistical Conference of the Americas at the thirty-third session of ECLAC, namely: the overall role of the Conference, the importance of statistics for development, the activities of the working groups and their effect on statistical harmonization and the strengthening of international statistical systems, the rapprochement with countries in Central America and the Caribbean, the listing of projects and initiatives such as the project on the regional statistical framework for the directory of businesses and establishments and the International Comparison Programme, the role of bilateral and multilateral cooperation agencies in the projects, the power and scope of statistics as a development tool and an invitation to participants to celebrate World Statistics Day in their countries.

41. Some delegates suggested that emphasis should be placed on the importance of funding and training activities in relation to statistics.

Identification and review of statistical topics of interest for the Executive Committee (agenda item 5)

42. With regard to the development of rural statistics in the region, the representative of the Dominican Republic submitted for consideration by the Executive Committee the follow-up report on the proposal for a regional project on agricultural and rural statistics submitted by the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD). She said that the Fund would finance the project and would exercise its good offices to obtain resources. The Dominican Republic would provide logistical and technical support. The representative of Paraguay proposed that the work plan should be coordinated with Brazil. The delegation of Brazil accepted that proposal. She added that her country was responsible for agricultural statistics in the United Nations Statistical Commission and that it was necessary to coordinate activities. The Director of the United Nations Statistical Commission expressed his support for the project and said that the initiative could help improve the availability of statistics on food. The representative of Cuba stressed the importance of the project and reported on the work Cuba was doing in relation to rural indicators through the Plan Turquino.

43. With regard to accessing data, the representative of the Observatory for the Information Society in Latin America and the Caribbean (OSILAC) submitted for consideration by delegations the launch of a project to encourage the use of open patterns by national statistical institutions in the region, which would improve the connection between information and public policies and would allow for greater transparency and efficiency in the provision of services. The Director of the United Nations Statistics Division reported that there were plans to include national data on the Division's website, which already had global data, and invited countries to send the relevant information.

44. The representative of ECLAC recalled that on 20 October 2010 the first World Statistics Day would be celebrated, which would make it possible to highlight the contribution of official statistics to the development of democratic societies. He added that ECLAC would support the event in different countries through its national and subregional offices and emphasized that the aims were to achieve regional harmonization and improve official statistics systems. Delegates welcomed the initiative as an excellent way of showing how important statistics were and of promoting their use, especially in developing countries.

45. With regard to the use of administrative records for gender statistics, the representative of the National Institute for Women of Costa Rica referred to the unified system for the statistical measurement of gender-based violence and said that one of the aims of the system was to learn the reality of situations of violence against women from the moment they were reported until they were brought before the justice system and any subsequent developments, and she detailed the main challenges for the future. The representative of Peru, who was an official of the Public Prosecutor's Office in that country stressed the need for a register of femicides in order to record the number and nature of those crimes and pointed out that the main challenge was to modify the database of the Public Prosecutor's Office to record relevant information that would make it possible to gather data at the national level.

46. With regard to statistical information for the evaluation of natural disasters, a representative of the Disaster Assessment Unit of ECLAC presented the concepts and methodology used by ECLAC to assess the socio-economic and environmental impact of disasters and emphasized the importance of accurate and full statistical information in order to carry out a comprehensive assessment of damages, losses and needs following natural disasters in the countries of the region, the consequences of which, considering the most recent events, were increasingly serious. He also highlighted the need to gather sectoral statistical information at the national and subnational level and georeferenced statistical information, and he drew attention to limiting factors such as the failure to organize sufficient information.

Agreements (agenda item 6)

47. At its ninth meeting, held in Santiago from 20 to 22 April 2010, the Executive Committee of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,

Bearing in mind resolution 2000/7 of the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, by which it approved the proposal for the establishment, as one of the subsidiary bodies of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,

Bearing in mind also resolution 2000/7 of the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, which provides that the Executive Committee shall: carry out the tasks assigned to it by the Conference; draw up, every two years, a biennial programme of activities of regional and international cooperation on statistical matters, to be submitted at the regular meeting of the Conference; follow up the implementation of the agreements reached at the Conference and the tasks entrusted to it by the Conference, particularly the biennial programme of activities; and decide on the documentation required for the meetings of the Conference,

Bearing in mind further that, at its fifth meeting, the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Commission approved the 2009-2011 biennial programme of regional and international cooperation activities,²

Recalling that, at its fifth meeting, the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Commission requested the working groups of the Conference to present to the Executive Committee at its next meeting their action plan for the period 2009-2011 together with an update of their terms of reference and long-term vision,

² LC/L.3072(CEA.5/12).

Having reviewed the 2010-2011 programme of work of the Working Groups of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean³ presented at this, the ninth, meeting of the Executive Committee,

Taking fully into consideration the agreements adopted at the forty-first session of the United Nations Statistical Commission,

Taking fully into consideration also the opinions expressed and the contributions put forward by the Governments of the member States of the Conference and by the United Nations funds, programmes and specialized agencies and international organizations attending the meeting,

2010-2011 programme of work of the Working Groups of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean

1. *Approves* the 2010-2011 programme of work of the Working Groups of the Statistical Conference of the Americas and urges member States and the United Nations funds, programmes and specialized agencies and international organizations to lend their support and cooperation for the achievement of the objectives set forth therein;

2. *Requests* the chair, with the support of the secretariat and the other members of the Executive Committee, to conduct ongoing follow-up of progress in the implementation of the programme of work of the Working Groups, with a view to achieving the outcomes to which the Working Groups committed at the sixth meeting of the Conference;

3. *Calls upon* the secretariat to prepare a proposal, in the light of the experience of the working groups, on procedures for optimizing the operation of these groups for the achievement of their objectives and to present it for consideration and adoption at the next meeting of the Executive Committee;

Institutional strengthening of national statistical systems

4. *Welcomes* the progress made as regards the preparation of a Code of good statistical practices for Latin America and the Caribbean, which should be presented for review and approval at the sixth meeting of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Commission, and thanks the Statistical Office of the European Communities for its ongoing support for this initiative;

Promoting training of competent human resources

5. *Takes cognizance* of the training programme of the Knowledge Transfer Network and welcomes the activities conducted to develop an online education platform in order to make up for the shortage of experts in managing census information and to improve the coordination of training activities in the region;

6. *Urges* the United Nations funds, programmes and specialized agencies and international organizations to support the efforts of the Knowledge Transfer Network to supplement the financing required for carrying out all the courses and seminars envisaged in its programme of work;

³ 2010-2011 programme of work of the Working Groups of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC (LC/L.3213(CE.9/3)), Santiago, Chile, April 2010.

Building technical capacities and methodologies for generating statistical information

7. *Welcomes* the programme of activities of the Working group on the monitoring of progress towards the Millennium Development Goals, which encompasses countries' priorities as regards initiatives for training, methodological development and reducing statistical discrepancies in order to have access to timely, reliable statistics and indicators and thus be in a position to monitor the progress of the countries of the region towards the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals set for 2015;

8. *Thanks* the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean in its capacity as technical secretariat of the Working group on the monitoring of progress towards the Millennium Development Goals for its support and collaboration and the Inter-American Development Bank for the financial resources provided, which were instrumental in carrying out the activities; and expresses the need for continued financial support from the Bank and other agencies in order to meet the challenges contained in the programme of activities of the Working Group;

9. *Urges* countries to participate actively in the implementation of the Gender Equality Observatory for Latin America and the Caribbean and to support national machineries for the advancement of women in following up on the agreements adopted by the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean at their forty-second meeting, in putting into practice measures for collecting data on the Observatory's violence indicator referring to the death of women at the hands of an intimate partner, whether through agreements with the public prosecutor's office in each country or through technical assistance to the entities responsible for ensuring the quality and homogeneity of the data collected, and in carrying out the periodic dispatch of up-to-date information on the indicators of the Observatory relating to the physical, economic and political empowerment of women;

10. *Recommends* that the standardized questionnaire on violence against women prepared jointly with the Friends of the Chair of the United Nations Statistical Commission be promoted for dissemination and use in national surveys;⁴

11. *Recommends also* that the classifier for activities, which was prepared as part of the programme of work of the Working Group on Gender Statistics for the period 2007-2009, be used and that priority be given to the incorporation of time use surveys in national data collection through independent surveys, modules on multipurpose surveys or specific questions in a household survey, subject to each country's situation and capabilities;

12. *Expresses its satisfaction* at the prompt establishment of the Working Group on Harmonization of Statistics on Income Poverty and Public Transfers and at the start-up of its activities and takes note of the fact that its programme of activities are oriented towards identifying the characteristics of poverty measurements carried out by countries;

13. *Strongly appeals* to countries to consult, and, as far as possible, incorporate in the censuses of the 2010 round, the recommendations emerging from the discussion process and the consensus reached in the framework of the activities of the Conference;

⁴ See United Nations, Friends of the Chair of the United Nations Statistical Commission on the indicators on violence against women. Note by the Secretary-General (E/CN.3/2009/13), New York, 2009; United Nations Statistics Division, "Conclusions and recommendations of the Meeting of the Friends of the Chair Group on Statistical Indicators on Violence against Women (Aguascalientes, 9-11 December 2009)" [online] <http://unstats.un.org/unsd/demographic/meetings/vaw/docs/ConclusionsAndRecommendations.pdf>.

14. *Expresses its satisfaction at* the holding of workshops on issues relating to health and the gender perspective in censuses and the support for the workshop on census management, and requests the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean to conduct the activities necessary for continuing to support countries with the planning and execution of the 2010 round of population and housing censuses through activities aimed at improving: (i) the capture of data on housing, surroundings, equipment, the environment, education and economic activity; (ii) sharing of experiences on census management and operation, and on harmonization; (iii) technologies for capture and processing of census data; and (iv) analysis and dissemination of information;

15. *Expresses its satisfaction also at* the Commission's initiative to overcome the shortage of experts in management of census information by holding three intensive regional courses in demographic analysis for development, and urges United Nations funds, programmes and specialized agencies and international organizations to provide support in securing the funding required for initiating these courses as soon as possible given that the census counts have already been started in the region.

16. *Welcomes* the activities of the Working Group on National Accounts, which seeks to strengthen the national statistical systems of the countries of the region by improving their national accounts statistics, in order to optimize the production of sustainable, quality statistics and thereby facilitate the adoption of economic and social policies;

17. *Requests* the Inter-American Development Bank and other funds, programmes and specialized agencies and international organizations to provide support in obtaining the necessary resources for strengthening the system for the production of national accounts statistics, with a view to designing a self-assessment methodology for the production of basic national accounts statistics and an advanced didactic and information tool and disseminating both initiatives at the regional level;

18. *Urges* countries to support the compilation of metadata on national accounts, conducted each year by the Commission and which facilitates the timely, transparent and standardized dissemination of the practices and procedures used by the agencies responsible for its compilation in Latin America and the Caribbean;

19. *Welcomes* the activities of the Working Group on Information and Communications Technologies, relating to the preparation of a document that contains the revised quantifiable targets and indicators of the Plan of Action for the Information Society in Latin America and the Caribbean (eLAC), an updated information and communications technology module for business surveys, updated modules on access to, and use of, information and communications technologies in government and in the education and health sectors and an updated 2011 version of the compendium of practices on the inclusion of questions on this issue in household and business surveys;

20. *Thanks* the Observatory for the Information Society in Latin America and the Caribbean for the technical support that it has been offering to countries of the region since 2003 to assist in the harmonization, compilation and analysis of statistical data on information and communications technologies through capacity-building and the provision of direct technical assistance for carrying out surveys on the issue, and for its role since 2005 as technical secretariat of the Working Group on Information and Communications Technologies;

21. *Expresses* its firm support for efforts to secure financing from multilateral and bilateral cooperation and finance agencies to ensure that the Observatory for the Information Society in Latin America and the Caribbean can continue to provide support for the activities of the Working Group on Information and Communications Technologies from 2011;

22. *Appreciates* the work carried out by the Working Group on Environmental Statistics, which relates to an exceedingly important emerging issue, and takes note of the advances made in prioritizing regional technical capacity-building activities in the region;

23. *Urges* the United Nations funds, programmes and specialized agencies and international organizations to support the activities being conducted by Mexico, the coordinating country of the Working Group on Environmental Statistics, in channelling funds from international donors for execution of the Group's three projects for the period 2010-2011;

24. *Expresses* its appreciation to the Commission for its work during the past decade with the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean in the areas of methodological development, technical assistance and training in environmental statistics, and urges it to pursue and intensify this work in order to continue, within the official statistical systems of each country, to support national statistical institutes and the ministries and sectoral authorities with competence in environmental matters in their production of national environmental statistical series, and to continue building the regional network of experts and institutions in the sphere of environmental statistics;

Promotion of coordination and cooperation between member countries of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean and international agencies

25. *Takes note of* resolution 41/105 of the United Nations Statistical Commission in which it endorses the implementation of the 2011 round of the International Comparison Programme and, in view of the importance for the countries of the region of having up-to-date estimates of exchange rates and of the positive impact that the tasks of the Programme will have on statistical capacity-building in the participating countries with respect to prices and national accounts, urges the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean to participate in the 2011 round of the Programme, which will be coordinated at the regional level by the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean; and expresses its satisfaction at the support provided by the Caribbean Community for the implementation of the Programme in the subregion;

26. *Requests* the United Nations funds, programmes and specialized agencies and international organizations to *collaborate* in financing the activities of the International Comparison Programme with a view to ensuring the participation of all the countries of the region in the 2011 round;

27. *Welcomes* the Commission's proposal to establish two advisory committees of the International Comparison Programme at the regional level, one for the countries of Latin America (including those of the Spanish-speaking Caribbean and Haiti) and another for the English- and Dutch-speaking Caribbean countries;

28. *Agrees* that the functions of the advisory committees will be: (i) to examine the programme of work of the International Comparison Programme for the region, which will be presented by the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean and put forward recommendations as appropriate, (ii) to

support the Commission in seeking funding for country activities in the framework of the Programme, and (iii) to support and promote the Programme's activities and disseminate its outcomes;

29. *Appoints* the following countries as members of the advisory committee for Latin America: Brazil, Colombia, *Cuba*, Dominican Republic, Mexico and Uruguay; and requests the Standing Committee of Caribbean Statisticians to appoint the members of the advisory committee for the Caribbean;

30. *Expresses its satisfaction* at the updating and expansion of the database for integrated presentation of international *statistical* activities conducted by the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean and thanks the United Nations funds, programmes and specialized agencies and international organizations for their cooperation and support in this important initiative;

31. *Takes note* of the report presented by the Commission relating to the coordination of international statistical work in the area of gender statistics and requests the Commission, in collaboration with Mexico, as coordinator of the Working Group on Environmental Statistics, to prepare an in-depth report on international statistical activities in the area of the environment, with a view to strengthening coordination of those activities and optimizing their contribution to the development of environmental statistics in the region and presenting it at the tenth meeting of the Executive Committee of the Statistical Conference;

32. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the start-up of the implementation of the regional statistical framework for the Project on the Directory of Businesses and Establishments carried out under the Regional Public Goods Program of the Inter-American Development Bank, which will significantly enhance the coverage and quality of economic statistics in the region;

33. *Expresses recognition* of the varied and numerous activities making up the Regional Statistical Work Programme of the Caribbean Community, which range from initiatives to promote statistical harmonization and *support* for national statistical systems to technical assistance, training, experience-sharing and other activities, conducted with the support of the Standing Committee of Caribbean Statisticians and the Advisory Group on Statistics; and welcomes the efforts of the Caribbean Community to increase coordination with the Statistical Conference of the Americas;

34. *Expresses its satisfaction* at the advances achieved by the Central American Statistical Commission of the Central American Integration System, in particular the start of the preparatory activities for the regional strategy on *statistical* development;

35. *Welcomes* the *decision* of the Central American Statistical Commission of the Central American Integration System to work closely with the Statistical Conference of the Americas in order to combine efforts and avoid duplication of tasks, follow up on the agreements issued at this meeting and collaborate with the existing working groups and those that may be formed in the future;

36. *Welcomes* the outcome of the second European Union-South American Common Market statistical cooperation programme, which represents an important contribution to the process of strengthening technical capacities of the participating countries and of subregional statistical harmonization and is also a source of knowledge and experience that may be used by other countries in Latin America and the Caribbean;

37. *Expresses its satisfaction* at the progress made in implementing the work plan of the Andean Committee of Statistics, in particular through the execution of the statistical cooperation project between the European Union and the Andean Community, which has made it possible to increase instruction and

training in public statistics, has facilitated the broad, orderly and effective dissemination of statistical information by national services and community service, and has enhanced the institutional image and structure of the bodies that produce official statistics in the subregion; and welcomes the major advances achieved in the improvement and harmonization of statistical output relating to external goods trade and transport, national accounts and macroeconomic statistics, business and territorial statistics and poverty statistics;

38. *Takes note* of the completion of the regional public goods project “Improvement of Statistics for Measuring Living Conditions” and expresses its satisfaction at the positive outcomes of the project, which have helped to build technical capacities in the participating countries as regards social, population and environmental statistics; and thanks the Inter-American Development Bank for its technical and financial support for the implementation of this project and requests that the Bank continue to provide this support for its second phase;

39. *Agrees* to convey to the Governments of member States of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, through the participation of the Chair of the Executive Committee in the Commission’s thirty-third session, to be held in Brasilia from 30 May to 1 June, the urgent need for more extensive and firmer institutional, financial and human support in order to produce reliable, high-quality and timely public statistics in the interests of transparency, accountability of public authorities and the evaluation of the outcomes of public policies;

40. *Appeals to* the Governments of the region to endow their national statistical offices and systems with the resources necessary to develop and maintain a strong and reliable statistical system through adequate and continuous funding, in particular to meet the demanding challenges relating to the conduct of the 2010 round of population censuses, the implementation of the 2008 System of National Accounts, the generation of information for monitoring fulfilment of the Millennium Development Goals and to meet also the urgent and growing demand for statistical data and indicators in new areas, such as the environment, information and communications technologies and gender affairs;

41. *Calls upon* Governments to ensure the availability of the resources necessary for the proper and timely implementation of the population and housing censuses of the 2010 census round, in view of their great importance for generating up-to-date information with a major economic, social and environmental impact;

42. *Urges member* States of the Conference and the United Nations funds, programmes and specialized agencies and international organizations to organize activities to celebrate World Statistics Day, which the United Nations Statistical Commission has set for 20 October 2010, for a broad audience ranging from decision-makers and data providers to the community of data users, with the aim of raising awareness of the many contributions of official statistics based on fundamental values of service, integrity and professionalism; the celebration of World Statistics Day will also be an opportunity to acknowledge the services provided by international, regional and subregional agencies to promote and facilitate the progress of national statistical systems;

43. *Requests* the Chair of the Executive Committee, with the support of the secretariat, to encourage the United Nations funds, programmes and specialized agencies and international organizations to set a broad calendar of events to celebrate World Statistics Day in 2010.

Report of the Rapporteur:

48. The representative of Uruguay, who acted as Rapporteur, summarized the main issues that had been examined during the meeting, highlighting the consideration and adoption of the programme of work of the working groups of the Conference for 2010-2011 and the international statistical cooperation initiatives that had been examined. She highlighted her country's interest in participating actively in the work of the Conference and her satisfaction with the successful outcome of the ninth meeting of the Executive Committee.

Closing (agenda item 7)

49. Closing the meeting, the Chair of the Executive Committee recognized the sophistication of the deliberations during the meeting, of the work of the national statistical offices and the working groups of the Conference and of the statistical harmonization initiatives of the subregional institutions and expressed his profound satisfaction with the work accomplished during the meeting.

Annex

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