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AGREEMENTS

The Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean,

Recalling resolution 1(II), adopted at the second session of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean, held in Mexico City, from 6 to 9 October 2015, in which member States welcomed the kind offer of El Salvador to host the third session of the Conference,

Bearing in mind that the special meeting of the Presiding Officers was held because the host country found itself obliged to withdraw the offer to host the third session of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean, accordingly the original intergovernmental timetable for the follow-up of the population and development agenda had to be adjusted,

1. *Renew* the countries' commitment to implementing and monitoring the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development and its operational guide,¹ and recognize the contribution of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean to the global follow-up to the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development beyond 2014;

2. *Recognize* the contribution of national and regional monitoring of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development and its operational guide² to the follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, in accordance with resolution 700(XXXVI), adopted by the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean at its thirty-sixth session;

3. *Welcome* the offer of Peru to host the third session of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean, which will be held in the third quarter of 2018, to monitor the implementation of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development;

4. *Acknowledge* the efforts of the member countries of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean, in particular Mexico in

¹ *Operational guide for implementation and follow-up of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development* (LC/L.4061(CRPD.2/3)/Rev.1).

² *Ibid.*

its capacity as Chair, and extend the mandate of Mexico until the third session of the Regional Conference on Population and Development;

5. *Recognize* the positive progress made by the countries of the region in the implementation of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development and its operational guide,³ as well as the progress made in the preparation of voluntary national reports to be presented at the third session of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean in 2018;

6. *Agree* that the third session of the Regional Conference on Population and Development will consider the draft first regional report on the implementation of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development, which will be a regional contribution to the global review and appraisal of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development beyond 2014 to be undertaken in 2019 at the fifty-second session of the United Nations Commission on Population and Development;

7. *Urge* the countries to make every effort to send inclusive, diverse and pluralistic official delegations to the third session of the Regional Conference on Population and Development, including insofar as possible, representatives from ministries and national offices engaged with the population and development agenda, as well as representatives of civil society organizations and academia involved in the process of implementing the Montevideo Consensus;

8. *Express* appreciation for the work carried out by the ad hoc working group for the preparation of a proposal on the indicators for regional follow-up of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development, and endorse the document entitled “Final report of the ad hoc working group for the preparation of a proposal on the indicators for regional follow-up of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development”⁴ presented at the special meeting of the Presiding Officers;

9. *Extend* the mandate of the ad hoc working group for the preparation of a proposal on the indicators for regional follow-up of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development until the third session of the Regional Conference on Population and Development, so that it can complete pending tasks related to the definition of metadata for the indicators for regional follow-up of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development, including creating, when necessary, working subgroups to undertake more extensive work and, where appropriate, in conjunction with the Statistical Coordination Group for the 2030 Agenda in Latin America and the Caribbean of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean;

10. *Invite* the countries to assess the feasibility of measuring the proposed indicators on the basis of available statistical information, in accordance with the tier classification for the indicators for the Sustainable Development Goals of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, pursuant to General Assembly resolution 71/313;⁵

11. *Recommend* that the countries use, where possible and in line with their national priorities and realities, the indicators for regional follow-up of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development proposed by the ad hoc working group, contained in the document entitled “Final report of the ad hoc working group for the preparation of a proposal on the indicators for regional follow-up of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development”⁶ when preparing the voluntary national reports

³ *Operational guide for implementation and follow-up of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development* (LC/L.4061(CRPD.2/3)/Rev.1).

⁴ LC/MDP-E/3.

⁵ “Work of the Statistical Commission pertaining to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development” (A/RES/71/313), 6 July 2017.

⁶ LC/MDP-E/3.

that will be presented at the third session of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in 2018, and that they encourage the generation of the data sources needed for the follow-up of the Montevideo Consensus;

12. *Agree* that the countries that decide to submit their national progress reports on the implementation of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development do so before 31 March 2018, so that the reports can be taken into consideration in the preparation of the draft first regional report on the implementation of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development;

13. *Request* the secretariat, in collaboration with the United Nations Population Fund, to prepare the draft first regional report on the implementation of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development, based on the national progress reports on the implementation of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development submitted by the countries and taking into account the report of the special meeting of the Presiding Officers and the list of indicators contained in the document entitled “Final report of the ad hoc working group for the preparation of a proposal on the indicators for regional follow-up of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development”,⁷ endorsed at the special meeting of the Presiding Officers;

14. *Also request* the secretariat to develop, with the support of the United Nations Population Fund and in coordination with the Presiding Officers of the Conference, a virtual platform to contribute to the regional follow-up of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development on the basis of, among other things, systematic national reports and calculations of the agreed indicators reported by the countries, to be presented at the third session of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean in 2018;

15. *Commend* the participation of civil society organizations and academia in and their contributions to the special meeting of the Presiding Officers, as well as their commitment to the dissemination, implementation and follow-up of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development and its operational guide;⁸

16. *Thank* the United Nations Population Fund for its cooperation on national and regional activities to implement and monitor the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development and its operational guide⁹ and to share experiences and good practices, and express hope that this cooperation will be stepped up in preparation for the third session of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean;

17. *Also thank* the secretariat for the support provided to the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean in organizing the special meeting and preparing the documentation.

⁷ Ibid.

⁸ *Operational guide for implementation and follow-up of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development* (LC/L.4061(CRPD.2/3)/Rev.1).

⁹ Ibid.