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RESOLUTION 3(III)

The Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean, at its third session held in Lima from 7 to 9 August 2018,

Taking into consideration resolution 723(XXXVII), adopted by the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean at its thirty-seventh session, held in 2018, in which it recalled the commitments undertaken in the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development and their contribution to following up on the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development beyond 2014 and implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development,

Bearing in mind that the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean, at their special meeting held in Santiago from 7 to 9 November 2017, recognized the contribution of national and regional monitoring of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development and the *Operational guide for implementation and follow-up of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development*¹ to the global follow-up to the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development beyond 2014 and 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,

Also bearing in mind that, at the special meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean, the countries expressed 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 endorsed 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” presented at that meeting,²



¹ LC/L.4061(CRPD.2/3).

² LC/MDP-E/3.

Recalling the special theme of the fifty-second session of the Commission on Population and Development, “Review and appraisal of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development and its contribution to the follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”,³ and resolution 2016/25 of the Economic and Social Council, by which it encourages the regional commissions of the United Nations to contribute to the work of the Commission, in collaboration, where appropriate, with other intergovernmental organizations, especially regional organizations, and other United Nations entities,

Recognizing the importance of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development and the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean in the current review and follow-up of national and regional implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development,

1. *Reaffirms* the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development⁴ as the basis for a comprehensive and strategic road map for national and regional action on population and development, which provides region-specific orientation and guidelines in this area beyond 2014;

2. *Acknowledges* that the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development, as well as the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development and the outcomes of its review, have helped to lay a foundation for sustainable development in the region from an equality and human rights perspective and that the full, effective, rapid and resourced implementation of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development will contribute significantly to the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development beyond 2014 and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in the region, while ensuring that no one is left behind;

3. *Congratulates* all those countries that presented voluntary national progress reports on the implementation of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development, which provide examples of the effective participation of a wide variety of stakeholders and experiences that are relevant to South-South cooperation, and invites countries that have not yet presented voluntary national reports to do so;

4. *Commits* to expediting the fulfilment of the relevant priority measures of the Montevideo Consensus, through adequate allocation of resources and the creation and strengthening of institutional mechanisms for its implementation and follow-up, on the basis of the *Operational guide for the implementation and follow-up of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development*,⁵ affording special attention to the most vulnerable population groups or segments in accordance with the needs and priorities of each country;

5. *Welcomes* the draft first regional report on the implementation of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development,⁶ which was prepared by the technical secretariat with the support of the United Nations Population Fund on the basis of available national reports, official data and an analysis of the situation regarding population and development in the region, as well as the recommendations for further implementation of the Consensus contained therein;

6. *Also welcomes* the document *Implementation of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development in the Caribbean: a review of the period 2013-2018*,⁷ prepared by the Commission’s subregional headquarters for the Caribbean, and encourages the countries of the Caribbean to consider the recommendations made at the meeting of the Caribbean Forum on Population, Youth and Development, held in Georgetown from 24 to 26 July 2018;

³ Decision 2017/101 adopted by the Commission on Population and Development.

⁴ LC/L.3697.

⁵ LC/L.4061(CRPD.2/3).

⁶ LC/CRPD.3/3.

⁷ LC/CAR/L.

7. *Requests* the secretariat to take into account the observations and suggestions conveyed by countries by 30 September 2018, as well as national reports received by that date that could not be considered in the preparation of the draft first regional report, in order to review and update it with a view to its adoption as the first regional report on the implementation of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development;

8. *Decides* that the first regional report on the implementation of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development shall represent the regional contribution to the global review and appraisal of the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development beyond 2014, to be undertaken by the Commission on Population and Development at its fifty-second session;

9. *Also decides* that the Chair of the Regional Conference on Population and Development will present the first regional report on the implementation of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development at the third meeting of the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development, to be held in Santiago (Chile) from 22 to 26 April 2019, on the first regional report;

10. *Commends* the stakeholders, including governments and relevant civil society organizations, the private sector, academia, and relevant movements and groups for their contributions to the current regional review of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development, and emphasizes the importance of sustaining and reinforcing existing partnerships and building new ones for the successful implementation of Montevideo Consensus;

11. *Recognizes* the fundamental role historically played by women's and feminist organizations and movements in follow-up to the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development and in the formulation and follow-up of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development;

12. *Reiterates* the importance of periodic review of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development at the national and regional levels while ensuring timely contribution to the global review and appraisal of the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development beyond 2014, for which States will present regular national reports in line with the four-year global review cycle;

13. *Welcomes* the list of indicators included in the "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" endorsed by the Presiding Officers at their special meeting held in November 2017;

14. *Decides* to change the name 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 to working group on indicators for regional follow-up of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development and extend its mandate until the fourth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Population and Development, to be held in 2019, in order to carry forward the work on preparing pending metadata, with an emphasis on the operational definitions for disaggregation of the indicators and, where necessary to that end, to establish thematic subgroups on specific indicators, such as those relating to persons with disabilities and others included in the report of this meeting;

15. *Requests* that the working group on indicators for regional follow-up of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development present a final report on its work to the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference at their fourth meeting, for endorsement by the countries;

16. *Calls for* stronger coordination between the working group on indicators for regional follow-up of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development and 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, and the establishment of a joint working mechanism between the technical secretariats of the Regional Conference on Population and Development and the Statistical Conference of the Americas;

17. *Requests* the secretariat of the Regional Conference on Population and Development to identify synergies between the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development and the Montevideo Strategy for Implementation of the Regional Gender Agenda within the Sustainable Development Framework by 2030, with a view to eliminating duplications and expediting the fulfilment of the two agendas;

18. *Takes note* of the proposal by the secretariat for a virtual platform to contribute to regional follow-up of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development⁸ and requests the secretariat, with the support of the United Nations Population Fund, to consider the observations and suggestions conveyed by the countries by 31 December 2018 and to present a revised version for adoption at the fourth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean;

19. *Encourages* governments to make special efforts to strengthen their systems of sociodemographic, economic and vital statistics, with particular emphasis on administrative records, and to develop and strengthen the capacities of national statistical systems and national statistical offices to generate population data, disaggregated by sex, age, geography, income, ethnicity and race, migratory status, disability and other relevant characteristics that are required for an accurate assessment of the implementation of the Montevideo Consensus;

20. *Calls upon* the countries to take measures to strengthen statistical systems, taking a human-rights-based, intercultural and intergenerational approach considering gender, ethnicity and race, with a view to mainstreaming visibility of indigenous peoples and communities and Afrodescendent populations, in fulfilment of each and every priority measure of the Montevideo Consensus;

21. *Requests* the Statistical Conference of the Americas to redouble its efforts to support the national statistical offices of the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean to produce and integrate the information and disaggregations needed to measure all the indicators required for follow-up to the Montevideo Consensus;

22. *Requests* the secretariat, with the support of the United Nations Population Fund, to contribute to strengthening capacities in the countries of the region to conduct the 2020 round of population and housing censuses and to produce, disseminate and analyse sociodemographic and economic information, by providing technical and financial assistance, promoting experience-sharing and South-South cooperation, and drafting technical recommendations in these matters, and encourages the countries to conduct periodic measurements of aspects of the Montevideo Consensus that are not routinely carried out;

23. *Urges* the countries to continue taking actions aimed at breaking the barriers that perpetuate inequality and gender gaps, especially in unpaid work, including domestic and care work, devoting the utmost efforts to eradicating gender-based violence, particularly femicide, and violence against women, girls, boys, adolescents, youth and older persons;

⁸ LC/CRPD.3/4.

24. *Requests* the countries, on the basis of the *Operational guide for implementation and follow-up of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development* and in conformity with national needs and priorities and with existing initiatives, to include in national reports specific information on persons with disabilities in relation to the different chapters of the Montevideo Consensus;

25. *Encourages* governments, international organizations, including of the United Nations system, international financial institutions and other relevant stakeholders to provide technical assistance, promote training and help to build capacity in countries of the region to enable them to address the problems and challenges relating to population and development and to accelerate the implementation of the Montevideo Consensus;

26. *Urges* countries, on the basis of the *Operational guide for implementation and follow-up of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development*, to develop national strategies and public policies with a gender-sensitive and intercultural perspective and to participate in regional initiatives aimed at older persons in relation to the implementation and follow-up of the Montevideo Consensus and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and to continue to take measures to ensure the fulfilment of their human rights and their dignity;

27. *Invites* the secretariat to take into consideration the outcomes of the Intergovernmental Conference on International Migration, which will take place in Morocco in December 2018, with a view to identifying synergies with the priority measures on international migration contained in the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development, and supporting the countries in their implementation, in collaboration with the International Organization for Migration, the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for International Migration and other relevant United Nations entities;

28. *Requests* the secretariat, with the support of the United Nations Population Fund and in consultation with the States, to continue making the provisions necessary to facilitate the work of the Regional Conference on Population and Development, its Presiding Officers and the working group on indicators for regional follow-up of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development;

29. *Requests* the United Nations Population Fund and the other relevant international funds, programmes and specialized agencies, as well as competent national bodies, to continue taking action and making contributions, as appropriate, for the implementation and follow-up of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development;

30. *Calls upon* the United Nations Population Fund to continue to contribute actively, within its mandate and in coordination with competent government institutions and with the participation of civil society organizations, to supporting countries in the implementation of population and development programmes with a view to achieving the aims of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development and the goals and targets of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;

31. *Recognizes* the joint efforts made by the United Nations Population Fund and the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, in its capacity as technical secretariat of the Conference, to generate synergies and agreements for the implementation of the Montevideo Consensus and to address the gaps and overlaps in implementation at the regional level, in line with the repositioning of the United Nations development system;

32. *Urges* the subsidiary bodies of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, in particular the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean, the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean, the Regional Conference on Social Development in Latin America and the Caribbean and the Statistical Conference of the Americas, to strengthen synergies in areas relating to the themes of the Montevideo Consensus, with the participation of civil society;

33. *Thanks* the people and the Government of Peru for their hospitality and the effort devoted to the organization of the third session of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean;

34. *Also thanks* the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean for organizing the third session of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean and the Latin American and Caribbean Demographic Centre (CELADE)-Population Division of ECLAC for preparing the corresponding documentation;

35. *Further thanks* the United Nations Population Fund for its collaboration prior to and during the third session of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean and its cooperation on national and regional activities to implement and follow up on the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development;

36. *Thanks* civil society organizations, the private sector and academia for their participation and attendance at the third session of the Regional Conference and for their commitment to the implementation, follow-up and dissemination of the Montevideo Consensus.