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RESOLUTION 4(IV)

The Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean, at its fourth session held at the headquarters of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean in Santiago from 28 to 30 June 2022,

Taking into consideration resolution 743(XXXVIII), adopted by the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean at its thirty-eighth session, held in 2020, 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,

Recalling that in paragraph 56 of the intergovernmentally agreed conclusions and recommendations of the fifth meeting of the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development, held in San José in March 2022, the countries recognized the importance of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development as the regional agenda on population and development for Latin America and the Caribbean beyond 2014 in order to reinforce the application and further implementation and follow-up of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development and as a complementary tool for the integration of population issues into sustainable development,

Bearing in mind that at the executive meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean, held virtually on 20 May 2021,¹ the Presiding Officers decided to hold the fourth session of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean during the first half of 2022 at the headquarters of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean in Santiago in a hybrid in-person and virtual format, owing to the postponement of that session, which had been scheduled for 2020, because of the effects of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic,

Bearing in mind also that at that executive meeting, the Presiding Officers commended and thanked the Chair, the secretariat and the United Nations Population Fund for organizing the wide-ranging and wide-reaching virtual dialogues on the impacts of COVID-19 from a population and development perspective held during 2020,

¹ See the *Report of the executive meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean* (LC/REMP.2021/3), July 2021.

1. *Reaffirms* the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development as the basis for a comprehensive road map for national and regional action on population and development and the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development, while recognizing its synergy with the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;
2. *Recognizes* the strategic role of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development as a framework for implementing action to respond to the repercussions of the COVID-19 pandemic on the living conditions and exercise of rights of the population, the multiple axes of inequality and the three dimensions of sustainable development—economic, social and environmental—, with a view to recovery and social and economic transformation;
3. *Calls for* enhanced fulfilment of the priority measures of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development, through specific actions, adequate allocation of resources and the creation and strengthening of institutional mechanisms for its implementation and follow-up, especially as regards attending to populations severely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic;
4. *Recognizes* the crucial role of families, irrespective of their composition, in the development of the countries of the region;
5. *Requests* that, at the thirty-ninth session of ECLAC to be held in Buenos Aires from 24 to 26 October 2022, the Chair report on the outcomes of this fourth session of the Conference;
6. *Takes note* of the document *The sociodemographic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic in Latin America and the Caribbean*,² presented at this fourth session of the Regional Conference, and commends the secretariat for its work in preparing it;
7. *Also takes note* of the reports submitted by the secretariat, the outgoing Chair of the Presiding Officers of the Conference and the United Nations Population Fund on the activities carried out during the period 2018–2022;
8. *Endorses* the proposed timeline for the submission of national reports and of the regional report on the implementation of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development,³ in line with global cycle of review and appraisal of the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development beyond 2014, and with the follow-up and review of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;
9. *Requests* the countries that decide to submit a new voluntary national report on implementation of the Montevideo Consensus to transmit their first drafts to the secretariat no later than 31 March 2023, with a view to their inclusion in the preparation of the second regional report on the implementation of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development, and to submit the final versions of their national reports at the fifth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean;
10. *Requests* the secretariat to prepare a draft annotated index of the draft second regional report on the implementation of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development, with the support of the United Nations Population Fund, to be presented at the fifth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean, in coordination with other

² LC/CRPD.4/3.

³ LC/CRPD.4/4.

relevant international and regional organizations and the Presiding Officers of the Conference, and in consultation with civil society organizations;

11. *Decides* that the fifth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean will be held during the second quarter of 2023, at a place and on a date to be decided, in a hybrid in-person and virtual format;

12. *Resolves* to hold in the second half of 2023 a special session of the Regional Conference on Population and Development to commemorate the tenth anniversary of the adoption of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development, stressing that as the most progressive human rights instrument in the region, review of the progress made in its implementation is of utmost importance;

13. *Also resolves* that the thirtieth anniversary of the International Conference on Population and Development the region will be commemorated in the region in 2024;

14. *Welcomes* the invitation from the Government of Argentina to organize in the first half of 2023 an event to mark the tenth anniversary of the adoption of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development, the fortieth anniversary of the return to democracy in that country and the twentieth anniversary of the presence of the United Nations Population Fund in Argentina;

15. *Takes note* of the virtual platform to contribute to the regional follow-up of the Montevideo Consensus⁴ developed by the secretariat to contribute to follow-up of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development, and recognizes that the platform is a tool that can help to identify gaps and common challenges with a view to strengthening the implementation of the Montevideo Consensus;

16. *Commends* the secretariat on the development and deployment of the virtual platform to contribute to the follow-up of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development and stresses the importance of and need for maintaining up-to-date content to facilitate and contribute to the follow-up of the implementation of the Consensus;

17. *Urges* countries to work actively with the secretariat to update the platform, with the support of the United Nations Population Fund, using the instruments and mechanisms set forth in the proposed updating protocol;

18. *Decides* to change the name of the working group on indicators for regional follow-up of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development to working group on updating of the virtual platform for follow-up of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development and commits to implement the proposal for updating the platform presented by the secretariat, in close collaboration with the United Nations Population Fund, and in accordance with the systems of follow-up indicators for the Montevideo Consensus in each country;

19. *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, delivering training through the Regional Specialization Course in Demographic Analysis for Sustainable Development, promoting experience-sharing and South-South cooperation, and drafting technical recommendations in these matters, and encourages the countries to conduct periodic measurements of indicators for regional follow-up of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development that are not routinely carried out;

⁴ LC/CRPD.4/6.

20. *Emphasizes* that in the unprecedented international context marked by the COVID-19 pandemic, it is necessary to strengthen multilateralism, solidarity and international cooperation for the full implementation of the Montevideo Consensus, the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development beyond 2014 and the Sustainable Development Goals;

21. *Reiterates* that States are strongly urged to refrain from promulgating and applying any unilateral economic, financial or trade measures not in accordance with international law and the Charter of the United Nations, that impede the full achievement of economic and social development, particularly in developing countries;

22. *Encourages* governments to make special efforts to strengthen their systems of sociodemographic and vital statistics, and to develop and strengthen the capacities of national statistical systems and national statistical offices to generate population data, disaggregated by sex, age, area of residence (urban or rural areas), income, ethnicity and race, migratory status, disability and other relevant characteristics of diverse populations that are required for an accurate assessment of the implementation of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development;

23. *Requests* the countries to include in their national reports more in-depth information on persons with disabilities in relation to each chapter of the Montevideo Consensus, in line with the Operational Guide for the Implementation and Follow-up of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development⁵ and in accordance with national priorities and needs and existing initiatives;

24. *Requests* the United Nations Population Fund and the other relevant United Nations agencies, funds and programmes, 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;

25. *Calls upon* the United Nations Population Fund to continue, within its mandate and in coordination with competent government institutions and with the participation of civil society organizations, to actively support 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;

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

27. *Commends* the Chair and the technical secretariat of the Regional Intergovernmental Conference on Ageing and the Rights of Older Persons in Latin America and the Caribbean on the organization of the preparatory meeting for the Fifth Regional Intergovernmental Conference on Ageing and the Rights of Older Persons in Latin America and the Caribbean, held in virtual format on 18 November 2021, and urges the countries to make every effort to send high-level, inclusive and pluralistic official delegations to the Fifth Meeting of the Conference, to be held in the last quarter of 2022, including representatives from ministries and national offices engaged with the fourth review and appraisal of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, as well as representatives of civil society organizations and academia involved in the process;

⁵ LC/L.4061(CRPD.2/3)/Rev.1.

28. *Thanks* the International Organization for Migration, in its capacity as coordinator of the Regional United Nations Network on Migration for Latin America and the Caribbean in conjunction with ECLAC, for the presentation of the conclusions of the International Migration Review Forum, convened under the auspices of the General Assembly from 17 to 20 May 2022 in New York, and calls on the countries that have ratified the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration to move forward with its implementation in line with the commitments agreed under the Progress Declaration resulting from the Forum, particularly those on promoting the contributions of migration to sustainable development;

29. *Recognizes* the crucial role of civil society organizations, the private sector and academia in the implementation, follow-up and dissemination of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development and thanks them for their participation and attendance at the fourth session of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean;

30. *Takes note* of the declaration of civil society organizations, the declaration of the Latin American and Caribbean Youth Forum and the declaration of the forum of Afrodescendent civil society organizations, issued in the framework this fourth session of the Conference, and calls for the strengthening of follow-up mechanisms of civil society and stakeholders of the Conference;

31. *Thanks* the United Nations Population Fund for its collaboration prior to and during the fourth 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;

32. *Also thanks* the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean for organizing the fourth 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.