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RESOLUTION 5(V)

The Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean, at its fifth session held in Cartagena de Indias, Colombia, on 3 and 4 July 2024,

Taking into consideration resolution 760 (XXXIX), adopted by the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean at its thirty-ninth session, held in 2022, 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 61 of the intergovernmentally agreed conclusions and recommendations of the seventh meeting of the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development, held in Santiago from 15 to 18 April 2024, 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 fifth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean, held on 14 and 15 November 2023 at the headquarters of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean in Santiago, on the occasion of the commemoration of the tenth anniversary of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development, it was reaffirmed that the Consensus and the resolutions adopted at the sessions of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean are a regional road map for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development with a human rights approach, leaving no one behind,

Bearing in mind also that the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean, at that meeting, commended the countries of the region upon the progress made in the implementation of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development 10 years on from its adoption, and called for redoubled efforts to address the remaining challenges to its full implementation,

Recalling with satisfaction the Declaration on the occasion of the thirtieth anniversary of the International Conference on Population and Development, in which representatives affirmed the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development and the key actions for its further implementation, and the outcomes of its reviews, and noted the outcome documents of the regional review conferences, stressing that the outcome documents of the regional review conferences provide region-specific guidance on population and development for each region that adopted the particular outcome documents,

Bearing in mind that in the Declaration on the occasion of the thirtieth anniversary of the International Conference on Population and Development, countries renewed their determination to advance the full, effective and accelerated implementation of the Programme of Action—which was a global milestone, placing people and their rights at the centre of action on population and development—to address its unfinished business with a sense of urgency, duty and responsibility, in the spirit of international cooperation, global partnership and solidarity, and to reinforce the interlinkages between population and development in relevant multilateral processes, deeply convinced that the Programme of Action remains as relevant as it was 30 years ago,

1. *Reaffirms* that, 11 years on from its adoption, the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development is a comprehensive road map for national and regional action on population and development matters, and calls for enhanced fulfilment of its priority measures through specific actions, adequate allocation of resources and the creation and strengthening of institutional mechanisms for its implementation and follow-up;

2. *Also reaffirms* that every country has the sovereign right to apply the recommendations contained in the Cairo Programme of Action and in the Montevideo Consensus, in accordance with its national laws and development priorities and in a manner consistent with internationally recognized human rights;

3. *Recognizes* that population and development issues are closely linked to the economic, social and environmental realities and that, in order to address them, steps must be taken to strengthen international cooperation and forge global, regional and subregional partnerships and to establish agreements between countries as well as innovative approaches, including private initiatives;

4. *Acknowledges* that the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development helps to lay the foundations for people-centred sustainable development with equality and a human rights, gender, race and ethnicity, disability, and intercultural perspective, taking into account migration status, 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;

5. *Highlights* intergenerational and intercultural solidarity as promoted in the Montevideo Consensus and looks forward with interest to the Pact for the Future and the annexes thereto and the Declaration on Future Generations to be adopted at the Summit of the Future, which will be held on 22 and 23 September 2024 in New York;

6. *Acknowledges* that the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development contributes to the implementation, follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, that both are mutually reinforcing and require strong engagement and significant participation by all stakeholders to be translated into effective action, balancing the three dimensions of sustainable development—economic, social and environmental—in an integrated manner, and seeking to realize the human rights of all, and invites member States to foster the implementation of the Montevideo Consensus as a mechanism for accelerating the implementation of the Goals of the 2030 Agenda;

7. *Also acknowledges* the progress made thus far in achieving the aims of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development and its priority measures, as well as the fact that significant challenges and obstacles to its implementation remain, including the eradication of poverty in all its forms and dimensions and the reduction of inequalities;

8. *Reaffirms* its commitment to achieving gender equality through the respect, protection and fulfilment of the rights of all women, adolescent girls and girls, the empowerment, autonomy and independence of all women in the economic, political, social, cultural and family spheres, universal access to health services, as well as the protection of their sexual and reproductive rights, and the elimination of the multiple and interrelated forms of discrimination, exclusion, inequality and violence affecting women, adolescents, young people and children in private and in public, as a prerequisite for inclusive and sustainable development, in accordance with the general principles of the Montevideo Consensus;

9. *Recognizes* that the changes in the population age structure will affect all aspects of society, including care, health and social protection systems, and reiterates that the sexual division of labour and uneven distribution of unpaid domestic work in the region continue to be an obstacle to the promotion and protection of all human rights of all, especially women, adolescents and girls and in particular those who, because of myriad circumstances, conditions and situations of vulnerability, suffer multiple forms of discrimination, exclusion and inequality, such as young women and older women, Indigenous women, Afrodescendent women, women with disabilities, migrant and refugee women, rural women, LGBTIQ+ persons, and other population groups, among others;

10. *Takes note with satisfaction* of General Assembly resolution 77/317 of 24 July 2023 proclaiming 29 October as the International Day of Care and Support, and recognizes its contribution to the implementation of the Montevideo Consensus;

11. *Welcomes* the document *Population, Development and Rights in Latin America and the Caribbean: second regional report on implementation of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development*,¹ prepared by the technical secretariat of the Regional Conference on Population and Development with the support of the United Nations Population Fund;

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

13. *Thanks* the outgoing Chair for presenting the document *Population, Development and Rights in Latin America and the Caribbean: draft second regional report on implementation of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development*² as 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, which was undertaken by the Commission on Population and Development at its fifty-seventh session;

14. *Takes note* of the reports submitted by the secretariat, the outgoing Chair of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Population and Development, and the United Nations Population Fund on the activities carried out during the period 2022–2024;

¹ LC/CRPD.5/3.

² LC/MDP.5/4/Rev.1.

15. *Requests* the Chair to report on the outcomes of this fifth session of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean at the fortieth session of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, to be held in Lima from 9 to 11 October 2024;

16. *Reaffirms* the critical importance of strengthening public policy management aimed at ensuring the full exercise of the rights and development of the autonomy and quality of life of persons with disabilities and stresses that these issues are an inherent part of the population and development agenda;

17. *Resolves* to establish the open-ended group of friends of the Chair on the rights of persons with disabilities and the population and development agenda in the framework of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean (Cartagena group), to examine possible strategies to advance the inclusion of persons with disabilities, in close collaboration with the United Nations Population Fund, and calls upon countries to cooperate actively in the analysis of strategies to advance the inclusion of persons with disabilities in the framework of the Conference and to contribute to the promotion and protection of their human rights;

18. *Requests* countries, in their presentations on national progress on implementation of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development to be delivered at the sixth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean, which will be held in 2025, to report on the progress made and public policy action implemented regarding the inclusion of persons with disabilities;

19. *Urges* countries to continue to work actively with the secretariat to update the Virtual Platform for Follow-up of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development, with the support of the United Nations Population Fund, using the instruments and mechanisms set forth in the proposed updating protocol;

20. *Urges* governments of the region who voluntarily decide to do so to continue 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 and transparently disseminate quality, timely, relevant and reliable population data, disaggregated by gender identity, sex, age, area of residence (urban or rural areas), income, ethnicity and race, migratory status, disability and other relevant characteristics that reflect the diversity of populations and enable an accurate assessment of the implementation of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development, taking into account an intersectional perspective, understood as the interconnection of multiple and diverse forms of discrimination, exclusion and inequality;

21. *Reiterate* 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. *Requests* the secretariat, with the support of the United Nations Population Fund, to continue to help strengthen capacities in the countries of the region to produce, disseminate and analyse sociodemographic 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;

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

24. *Calls upon* 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, the Statistical Conference of the Americas and the Regional Conference on South-South Cooperation in Latin America and the Caribbean, as well as the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development and the Regional Intergovernmental Conference on Ageing and the Rights of Older Persons in Latin America and the Caribbean, to strengthen synergies and expand cooperation opportunities in areas relating to the themes of the Montevideo Consensus, with the participation of civil society;

25. *Urges* the countries to make every effort to send high-level, inclusive, diverse and pluralistic official delegations to the sixth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean, to be held in 2025, including representatives from ministries and national offices engaged with the population and development agenda, civil society and other mechanisms, bodies or institutions involved in the process of implementing the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development;

26. *Expresses gratitude* for the work done by the countries serving as Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean, in particular by the Plurinational State of Bolivia in its capacity as outgoing Chair;

27. *Thanks* the Government of Colombia for its efforts in the organization of the fifth session of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean and for the warm welcome given to delegations and participants over the course of the session;

28. *Also thanks* the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean for organizing the fifth 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;

29. *Further thanks* the United Nations Population Fund for its collaboration prior to and during the fifth 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;

30. *Thanks* civil society organizations, the feminist movement and academia for their participation in and valuable contribution to the fifth session of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America, as well as for their unwavering commitment to the implementation, follow-up and dissemination of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development, and takes note of their statement;

31. *Expresses* solidarity with the people and countries of the Caribbean and Latin America who are facing the devastating impact of Hurricane Beryl, the first major hurricane of the season, which has prevented many representatives from participating in this Conference, expresses concern for the loss of properties and deepest condolences for the loss of lives caused by this unprecedented hurricane, which illustrates the increasing vulnerability of small island developing States to climate change, and stands ready to offer our unwavering support for their recovery