
Fifth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference
on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean

Special session “10 years of the Montevideo Consensus
on Population and Development”

Santiago, 14 and 15 November 2023

AGREEMENTS

At their fifth meeting, 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 tenth anniversary of the adoption of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development, the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean agreed to:

1. *Commend* 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 call for redoubled efforts to address the remaining challenges to its full implementation;
2. *Recognize* the contribution of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean and the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development to global follow-up to the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development beyond 2014, in the run-up to the thirtieth anniversary of its adoption, which will be commemorated in 2024;
3. *Reaffirm* that the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development 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;
4. *Recognize* the contribution of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development to the implementation, follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, in accordance with resolution 760(XXXIX), adopted by the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean at its thirty-ninth session, and invite member States to foster its implementation as a mechanism for accelerating the implementation of the Goals of the 2030 Agenda;

5. *Call for* enhanced fulfilment of the priority measures of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development, 10 years on from its adoption, through specific actions, adequate allocation of resources and the creation and strengthening of institutional mechanisms for its implementation and follow-up;

6. *Commend* 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 emphasize the importance of sustaining and reinforcing existing partnerships and building new ones for the successful implementation of Montevideo Consensus;

7. *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;

8. *Congratulate* all those countries that presented voluntary national progress reports on the implementation of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development, and invite countries that have not yet presented voluntary national reports to do so;

9. *Encourages* the countries of the Caribbean to consider the priorities identified in the Conclusions of the Caribbean Forum on Population and Development, held in Antigua and Barbuda on 4 and 5 September 2023;

10. *Welcome* the draft annotated index¹ and 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 prepared by the technical secretariat of the Regional Conference on Population and Development with the support of the United Nations Population Fund;

11. *Request* the technical secretariat to take into account the observations and suggestions on 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* conveyed by countries by 20 December 2023, as well as national reports received by that date that could not be considered in the preparation of the document;

12. *Decide* that 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*, once the observations and suggestions specified in paragraph 11 of these agreements have been incorporated therein, 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-seventh session;

13. *Call upon* member States of the Conference to present a joint position to the Commission on Population and Development at its fifty-seventh session, reaffirming the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development and the key actions for its further implementation, as well as the outcome documents of regional review conferences beyond 2014, in particular the Montevideo Consensus;

¹ LC/MDP.5/3.

² LC/MDP.5/4.

14. *Request* the technical secretariat to present the final version of the second regional report on implementation of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development at the fifth session of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean in the second quarter of 2024;

15. *Decide* that, in line with the provisions of resolution 4(IV), adopted at the fourth session of the Conference, the thirtieth anniversary of the International Conference on Population and Development will be commemorated in the framework of the fifth session of the Regional Conference on Population and Development;

16. *Commend* the technical secretariat on the progress made in the development of the virtual platform to contribute to regional follow-up of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development and invite governments to support and consolidate the platform;

17. *Request* the technical secretariat, with the support of the United Nations Population Fund, to continue to help strengthen capacities in the countries of the region to conduct the 2020 round of population and housing censuses and to produce, disseminate and analyse the disaggregated sociodemographic information required for the follow-up of the Montevideo Consensus, by providing technical assistance, promoting experience-sharing and South-South cooperation, and drafting technical recommendations in these matters;

18. *Call upon* the United Nations Population Fund to continue to actively support countries in the implementation of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development and in achieving the goals and targets of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development beyond 2014 and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;

19. *Invite* 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, 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 continue to strengthen synergies and expand cooperation opportunities in areas relating to the themes of the Montevideo Consensus, with the participation of civil society;

20. *Express 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 Chair;

21. *Requests* the secretariat of the Regional Conference on Population and Development to report, at the fifth session of the Regional Conference, on the 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 strengthening coordination;

22. *Welcome* the interest expressed by the Government of Colombia in hosting the fifth session of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean, to be held in the second quarter of 2024;

23. *Urge* the countries to make every effort to send high-level, inclusive, diverse and pluralistic official delegations to the fifth session of the Regional Conference on Population and Development, including representatives from ministries and national offices involved in the population and development agenda, as well as of the various machineries for the advancement of women and bodies with portfolios for health, social development and statistics, and representatives of civil society and academic organizations that support the Montevideo Consensus process;

24. *Thank* the Government of the Plurinational State of Bolivia for its efforts in the organization of the fifth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean and the special session “10 years of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development”;

25. *Also thank* the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean for organizing the fifth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean and the special session “10 years of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development”, and the Latin American and Caribbean Demographic Centre (CELADE)-Population Division of ECLAC for preparing the corresponding documentation;

26. *Further thank* the United Nations Population Fund for its collaboration prior to and during the fifth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean and the special session “10 years of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development”, and its cooperation on national and regional activities to implement and follow up on the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development;

27. *Thank* civil society organizations, the feminist movement and academia in the fifth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean and the special session “10 years of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development” for their participation in and contributions to both, as well as for their unfailing commitment to the dissemination, implementation and follow-up of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development.