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Twenty-second meeting of Specialized Agencies and Other Bodies
of the United Nations System on the Advancement of
Women in Latin America and the Caribbean

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AGREEMENTS

At their twenty-second inter-agency meeting, the specialized agencies and other bodies of the United Nations agreed to:

1. *Coordinate* activities in the preparatory process leading up to the thirteenth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean, to be held in Montevideo in October 2016;
2. *Promote* the development of an online tool for sharing information among the specialized agencies and other bodies of the United Nations on the calendar of meetings, seminars, conferences and consultations, including agendas, programmes, presentations and lists of participants, with a view to facilitating coordination in the preparatory process for the thirteenth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean;
3. *Undertake* the efforts required to conduct studies and research that feed into the debate on gender equality and development in the lead-up to the thirteenth session of the Regional Conference;
4. *Support* the participation of delegations from the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean and civil society in the thirteenth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean;
5. *Contribute* to the organization of and participate in side events at the thirteenth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean;
6. *Reaffirm* the commitment to the Gender Equality Observatory for Latin America and the Caribbean and contribute to the process of redesigning and renewing this tool and to its dissemination;

7. *Ensure* greater synergy at the inter-agency level for the mainstreaming of gender equality in the implementation of the post-2015 development gender and the sustainable development goals;
8. *Coordinate* their activities within the framework of the United Nations Secretary General's campaign "Unite to End Violence against Women";
9. *Support* the inter-agency initiative of the United Nations Development Group-Latin America and the Caribbean to raise the minimum legal age of marriage to 18 years in the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean and eliminate exceptions to the law;
10. *Promote* the use of inclusive language in the written and multimedia output of the specialized agencies and other bodies of the United Nations;
11. *Strengthen* the work of the specialized agencies and other bodies of the United Nations with civil society organizations;
12. *Promote* the organization, in the framework of the meetings of specialized agencies and other bodies of the United Nations convened by the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, of online discussion forums and on-site workshops to address substantive topics that are of common interest, such as gender indicators and gender mainstreaming within organizations;
13. *Reaffirm* the work of the Working Group on Gender Statistics of the Statistical Conference of the Americas and the leadership of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean with respect to gender indicators and statistics, and make progress on the sustainable development goal indicators proposed by the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women;
14. *Coordinate* the inter-agency work on gender indicators and statistics with a view to making better use of sources, agricultural censuses and administrative records and harmonizing the separate systems of indicators promoted by agencies in different areas and combining them on the website of the Gender Equality Observatory for Latin America and the Caribbean, thus avoiding duplication in the systems of indicators of the funds, programmes and other international organizations;
15. *Promote* the creation of an inter-agency working group on sustainable development goal indicators in the framework of the post-2015 development agenda.