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AGREEMENTS

At their fourth meeting, held in virtual format on 13 January, on the occasion of the XII Ministerial Forum for Development in Latin America and the Caribbean, the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Social Development in Latin America and the Caribbean, agreed to:

1. *Emphasize* the importance of putting people and their rights at the heart of development and protecting the population from the economic and social impacts occurring as a result of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic;
2. *Reiterate* the conviction that multilateralism and cooperation are essential means for progressing with the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in the region, including its social dimension, and that the Regional Agenda for Inclusive Social Development can contribute to this process;
3. *Welcome* the presentation by the Chair of the Presiding Officers on progress regarding the implementation of the Regional Agenda for Inclusive Social Development in 2020 and request the secretariat to strengthen processes of maintaining and updating the information contained in the Observatory on Social Development in Latin America and the Caribbean, including the systematization of social protection measures in response to the social impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic;
4. *Also welcome* the draft plan of work for implementation of the Regional Agenda for Inclusive Social Development, presented by the secretariat, and request the Chair of the Presiding Officers to advance with its implementation, jointly with the secretariat;
5. *Commend* the commitment to collaborative work and active participation by all the member countries of the Conference in the challenge of addressing the social impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and to moving forward with the implementation of the Regional Agenda for Inclusive Social Development, to leave no one behind in the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals;
6. *Strengthen* the development of the working groups regarding social inclusion in a post-COVID-19 environment, particularly in relation to job creation, sustained improvement in basic income and support of the solidary rural economy;
7. *Reiterate* their thanks to the Government of Mexico, in its capacity as Chair of the Presiding Officers, for its role in carrying out the activities of the Conference;

8. *Thank* the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, in its capacity as secretariat of the Regional Conference on Social Development in Latin America and the Caribbean, for the support provided in relation to the implementation of the Regional Agenda for Inclusive Social Development and the response to the social consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic;

9. *Thank* the Government of Antigua and Barbuda for its kind offer to host the fourth session of the Regional Conference on Social Development of Latin America and the Caribbean, which will be held in virtual format in the second half of 2021, and request the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean to convene that session on dates to be established in consultation with the host country.