First session of the Regional Conference on South-South Cooperation in Latin America and the Caribbean

Santiago, 30 and 31 May 2023

Resolution 1(I)

The Regional Conference on South-South Cooperation in Latin America and the Caribbean, at its first session, held in Santiago on 30 and 31 May 2023,

Recalling that General Assembly resolution 70/1 of 25 September 2015, entitled “Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”, represents an opportunity for the countries of the region to advance sustainable development in its three dimensions, as well as eradicate poverty in all its forms and dimensions, reduce inequality and ensure that no one is left behind,

Recognizing that South-South and triangular cooperation are increasingly critical to bolstering the productive capacities of developing countries and have positive impacts on trade and financial flows, technological capabilities and the processes of social inclusion and combating inequalities, reiterating the importance of global partnerships,

Bearing in mind the outcome document of the second High-level United Nations Conference on South-South Cooperation,¹ which recognizes that South-South and triangular cooperation contribute to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and to achieving the overarching goal of eradication of poverty in all its forms and dimensions,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 46/182 of 19 December 1991, which states that there is a relationship between emergency, rehabilitation and development, and that in order to ensure a smooth transition from relief to rehabilitation and development, emergency assistance should be provided in ways that will be supportive of recovery and long-term development and thus emergency measures should be seen as a step towards long-term development,

¹ A/CONF.235/3.
Recalling also resolution 752(PLEN.36), adopted at the thirty-sixth session of the Committee of the Whole of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, in which the Committee approved the renaming of the Committee on South-South Cooperation as the Regional Conference on South-South Cooperation in Latin America and the Caribbean and it was agreed that the regular sessions of the Conference shall be held every two years at the headquarters of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) in Santiago, in alternating years to the sessions of the Commission, using installed capacity and within existing resources,

Bearing in mind that in the annex to resolution 752(PLEN.36), it is established that the Regional Conference on South-South Cooperation in Latin America and the Caribbean shall be a subsidiary body of the Commission that will support member States in South-South and triangular cooperation initiatives,

Recalling that by resolution 752(PLEN.36), the Committee of the Whole of decided that the Regional Conference on South-South Cooperation in Latin America and the Caribbean shall prioritize the implementation of the mandates conferred on United Nations regional commissions in the outcome document of the second High-level United Nations Conference on South-South Cooperation and shall carry out its activities within the framework of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and General Assembly resolution 75/234 on South-South cooperation,

1. Takes note of the document entitled Progress and challenges of South-South cooperation in Latin America and the Caribbean in the framework of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, prepared by the secretariat and presented at the first session of the Regional Conference on South-South Cooperation in Latin America and the Caribbean, and encourages the member countries of the Conference to send their comments on the document to the secretariat, within six months, for the preparation of a revised version of the document, to be submitted for consideration at the next meeting of the Presiding Officers;

2. Recognizes the need to urgently address the vulnerabilities of Latin America and the Caribbean that are linked to development challenges, based on a renewed agreement for international development cooperation, which leaves no one behind, and in which all people and countries must participate in order to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development by 2030;

3. Stresses the importance of promoting, in the context of cooperation, a comprehensive approach to disaster risk management, with a gender perspective, based on the principles of preparedness, prevention, identification, mitigation and response, to reduce vulnerabilities, strengthen resilience, and enhance both the response capacity of humanitarian cooperation in the face of disasters and emergencies and the rehabilitation and reconstruction efforts of the countries and communities of Latin America and the Caribbean;

4. Requests the Presiding Officers and the member countries of the Regional Conference on South-South Cooperation in Latin America and the Caribbean to examine, with the support of the secretariat, ways to advance international development cooperation, including innovative mechanisms that go beyond graduation criteria based on per capita gross domestic product, such as multidimensional or vulnerability indicators that are discussed in the region, so as to leave no one behind, and take into account the region’s conceptual advances related to development gaps and traps;

5. Also requests the Presiding Officers and the member countries of the Regional Conference on South-South Cooperation in Latin America and the Caribbean to promote the strengthening of synergies and partnerships with other stakeholders such as development banks, the private sector and regional and subregional integration mechanisms, as well as multi-stakeholder partnerships with civil society, local governments and academia in matters related to international development cooperation;

2 LC/CCSS.1/3.
6. Urges the subsidiary bodies of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, in particular the Statistical Conference of the Americas, the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean and the Regional Conference on Social Development in Latin America and the Caribbean, as well as the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development, to strengthen synergies in areas relating to bilateral, multilateral, South-South, triangular and humanitarian cooperation, sustainable development and gender equality, particularly with regard to the identification of common criteria to guide evaluation of these cooperation modalities and their impacts, including in the area of humanitarian cooperation, which take into account the conceptual framework for the measurement of South-South cooperation, as well as the work carried out by the International Total Official Support for Sustainable Development Task Force of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development and the Working Group on Measurement of Development Support of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development;

7. Recognizes the efforts made by the member countries of the Regional Conference on South-South Cooperation in Latin America and the Caribbean in international, bilateral, multilateral, South-South and triangular cooperation, and stresses the importance of the opportunities for sharing of information and experiences on cooperation among countries provided by the Conference;

8. Requests the Presiding Officers and the member countries of the Regional Conference on South-South Cooperation in Latin America and the Caribbean to recognize, in view of the importance that the European Union and Latin America and the Caribbean afford to the upcoming Summit of Heads of State and Government of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States and the European Union, the multidimensional nature of development and the wide range of development modalities, along with the risks and difficulties, which illustrate the need to deepen international cooperation to complement national policy efforts;

9. Requests the Presiding Officers and the secretariat to promote the Latin American and Caribbean perspective in the debates and proposals to be presented to the United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation;

10. Decides to hold the first meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on South-South Cooperation in Latin America and the Caribbean at the headquarters of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean in Santiago in 2024, on a date to be determined.