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on behalf of the Rio Group

Chairperson,

I have the honor to speak on behalf of the Rio Group: Argentina, Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay, Venezuela, and Jamaica, representing the Member States of the CARICOM, as well as my own country, Mexico.

On behalf of the Rio Group, let me congratulate you and the rest of the members of the Bureau on your

performance during the previous session of this Commission. We are convinced that your leadership will once again result in the successful conclusion of this meeting, and consequently, in continuing the path of advancement towards gender equality and the empowerment of women.

We would also like to thank the Secretary General for his reports and expressing the nature of his

Chairperson,

The Pils Group would like to highlight the VI Regional Conference on Women of Latin America and the

Caribbean, which will take place in Brasilia in June of 2010, and which coincides with the tenth anniversary

Regarding the reform process of the new gender architecture of the U.N., the Governments of the Rio Group will continue to actively participate in the debates which are taking place in the framework of the General Assembly as part of the analysis of the report of the High-Level Panel on System-wide coherence. In this regard, we welcome the adoption of Resolution 62/277 entitled "System-wide Coherence", during the last session of the General Assembly within the framework for continuing the system-wide coherence

process, and with a view to facilitating substantive action by the General Assembly during the sixty-third session. We await for the new detailed modalities requested through that resolution on the different institutional options to strengthen the United Nations work on gender equality and empowerment of women including funding, governance structure, staffing, specific functions and the relationship with this Commission and other relevant bodies, focusing in particular on the "composite entity".

We would like to highlight that during the XLII Meeting of the Governing Board of the Regional Conference on Women which took place in Santiago, Chile, on 4-5 December last year, the Governments agreed on

needs of girls, young migrant and indigenous women who are domestic workers, and those who perform