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SUMMARY MINUTES OF THE FIRST PLENARY SESSION

Date: November 10, 2008
Time: 3:30 p.m.
Place: Sheraton Hotel

Chair: Laura Albornoz, President of the Assembly

Present:

Antigua and Barbuda	Jacqui Quinn-Leandro
Argentina	Magdalena Faillace
Bahamas	Loretta Butler-Turner
Barbados	Irene Sandford-Gardner
Belize	Anne-Marie Williams
Bolivia	Martha Evelyn Agreda Rodríguez
Brazil	Nilcéa Freire
Canada	Clare Beckton
Chile	Carmen Andrade Lara
Colombia	Martha Lucía Vázquez Zawadzky
Costa Rica	Jeannette Carrillo Madrigal
Ecuador	Ana Lucía Herrera Aguirre
El Salvador	Karla Vanessa Lemus Reyes
Grenada	Glynis Roberts
Guatemala	Sonia Escobedo
Guyana	Pauline Sukhai
Haiti	Anne Marie Coriolan
Honduras	Doris García
Jamaica	Faith Webster
Mexico	María del Rocío García Gaitán
Nicaragua	María Robleto
Panama	Rina Rodríguez
Paraguay	Gloria Godoy de Rubín
Peru	Hugo Otero
St. Kitts and Nevis	Ingrid Charles Gumbs
San Vicente and the Grenadines	Rosita Snagg

Suriname	Chitrawatie Mohanlan
Trinidad and Tobago	Monica Williams
United States	Wanda K. Jones
Uruguay	Carmen Beramendi
Venezuela	Elida Aponte

Also present:

Carmen Lomellin,	Executive Secretary, CIM

I. ITEMS CONSIDERED

1. Formal adoption of decisions approved at the informal meeting.

   a. Election of Officers of the Assembly:
   President of the Assembly
   First Vice President
   Second Vice President
   Third Vice President

   b. Composition and installation of Committees of the Assembly:
   Committee on Credentials
   Style Committee
   Committee on Dialogue of Heads of Delegation
   General Committee
   Coordinating Committee

   c. Adoption of the Agenda
   d. Schedule of activities and assignment of topics
   e. Installation of the Working Committees
   f. Deadline for submission of draft resolutions
   g. Order of precedence of delegations

II. PROCEEDINGS OF THE SESSION

The President of CIM declared the first plenary session of the Thirty-Fourth Assembly of Delegates of the Inter-American Commission of Women open. Before taking up to the assigned topics, she announced the results of the photo competition entitled "When I Grow Up…." Next, pursuant to Article 21 (f) of the Statutes of CIM and Articles 9 and 10 of the Regulations of the Assembly of Delegates, and as decided at the informal meeting, she invited the Principal Delegate of Chile, Laura Albornoz, to assume her role as President of the Assembly.

1. Formal adoption of decisions approved at the informal meeting.

a. Election of the Officers of the Assembly The following officers of the Assembly were elected by acclamation at the first plenary session:

First Vice President:	Nilcéa Freire, Principal Delegate of Brazil
Second Vice President:	Laura Escobedo, Principal Delegate of Guatemala
Third Vice President:	Monica Williams, Alternate Delegate of Trinidad and Tobago

b. Composition of the Committees of the Assembly

Committee on Credentials

Member:	Glynis Roberts, Principal Delegate of Grenada
Member:	Wanda K. Jones, Principal Delegate of the United States
Member:	Elida Aponte, Alternate Delegate of Venezuela

Style Committee

Member:	Panama
Member:	Antigua and Barbuda
Member:	Haiti
Member:	Brazil

Dialogue of Heads of Delegation Committee

Chair:	Laura Albornoz, Principal Delegate of Chile
Vice Chair:	Nilcéa Freire, Principal Delegate of Brazil
Rapporteur:	Elida Aponte, Alternate Delegate

General Committee

Chair:	Pamela Albornoz, Alternate Delegate of Chile
Rapporteur:	Principal Delegate of Ecuador

Coordination Committee

Comprised the following officers:

President of CIM and President of the Assembly:	Laura Albornoz, Principal Delegate of Chile
First Vice President of the Assembly:	Nilcéa Freire, Principal Delegate of Brazil
Second Vice President:	Sonia Escobedo, Principal Delegate of Guatemala
Third Vice President:	Monica Williams, Alternate Delegate of Trinidad and Tobago

Chair of the General Committee: Pamela Albornoz, Alternate Delegate of Chile

c. Adoption of the agenda. The plenary session adopted the draft agenda contained in document CIM/doc.2/08 rev. 1 without changes.

d. Schedule of activities and assignment of topics. The plenary session formally adopted document CIM/doc.3/08 rev. 2 "Schedule of activities and assignment of topics of the Thirty-Fourth Assembly of Delegates of CIM."

e. Installation of Working Committees. The President of the Assembly declared the Committees installed, as follows:

Dialogue of Heads of Delegation, comprising the thirty-one participating delegations.

General Committee, open to all delegations present. The following countries signed up to be included on this Committee: Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Bahamas, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Chile, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Grenada, Haiti, Mexico, Paraguay, Suriname, United States, and Venezuela.

f. Presentation of reports. It was decided that, owing to time constraints, National Reports would not be presented individually. Time permitting, oral reports by specialized agencies would be presented on Wednesday.

g. Deadline for submission of draft resolutions. Tuesday, November 14, at 12:00 noon was set as the deadline for new draft resolutions to be submitted.

h. Order of precedence of delegations. The Secretariat read the order of precedence of the delegations, which had been established by lot, as follows:

Mexico
Nicaragua
Panama
Paraguay
Peru
Dominican Republic
St. Kitts and Nevis
Saint Lucia
St. Vincent and the Grenadines
Suriname
Trinidad and Tobago
Uruguay
Venezuela
Antigua and Barbuda
Argentina
Bahamas
Barbados

Belize
Bolivia
Brazil
Canada
Chile
Colombia
Costa Rica
Dominica
Ecuador
El Salvador
United States
Grenada
Guatemala
Guyana
Haiti
Honduras
Jamaica

i. It was proposed that Delegates be set a time limit for their presentations during the Dialogue of Heads of Delegations. A decision was taken to allow 4 minutes for presentations.

The session was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.