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**Recommendations of the Fourth Meeting of  
Experts on Sustainable Consumption and  
Production (SCP) to the Sixteenth Meeting of  
the Forum of Ministers of the Environment of  
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**Whereas:**

**The Johannesburg World Summit on Sustainable Development** established as one of the Implementation Plan goals the promotion of a set of programmes to 10 years to support national and regional initiatives to move along the change toward modes of sustainable consumption and production;

**The Marrakech process is a set** of regional and international efforts and activities to comply with Chapter III of Johannesburg Implementation Plan and to create the framework of programmes to 10 years (10YFP) which will be presented before the Sustainable Development Commission in the session period 2010-2011;

**The countries of the Latin America and the Caribbean region** stated in the Latin American and the Caribbean Initiative for Sustainable Development (ILAC), exposed in the same Summit, the need to incorporate cleaner production concepts in the industry and work toward sustainable consumption;

**The outcomes of the previous meetings** of Experts on Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP) in Latin America and the Caribbean, and the existence of the Regional Government Experts Council on Sustainable Consumption and Production;

**In the region, The Marrakech Process** has had significant progress in the development and implementation of national and sub regional policies on SCP;

**The outstanding participation and the valuable contribution** made during the Fourth Meeting of Government Experts on SCP for sub regional instances, NGOs, the Network of Cleaner Production Centers, the academic sector, labor unions and the business sector:

***The Fourth Meeting of the Council of Government Experts on Sustainable Consumption and Production of Latin America and the Caribbean*** was organized to continue this process, with the support of the Brazilian government, the United Nations Regional Office Programme for the Environment for Latin America and the Caribbean (UNEP / ORPLAC ), in collaboration with UNEP\_DTIE and UNDESA that took place in Sao Paulo, Brazil, on October 18 and 19, 2007.

***The Regional Government Experts Council of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Consumption and Production in its Fourth Meeting recommends the Sixteenth Meeting of the Forum of Ministers of the Environment to take into consideration the following elements:***

**1. To approve** the action Plan on SCP, included in Annex I, prepared according with the needs and priorities of each sub region, taking into account the ILAC, the previous decisions made by the Forum of Ministers in the topic, the Regional Strategy on SCP; the pre-existing plans in the sub regions and the contributions made by the NGOs and the industry;

**2. To ratify** the priority areas on SCP, common to all identified sub regions, in the Final Report of the Meeting<sup>(1)</sup>, observing the following topics:

- a) The National Dialogue Tables open and with the participation of all sectors of the society
- b) The Small and Medium Enterprises,
- c) The sustainable public purchases.
- d) The national policies and strategies on SCP
- e) The regional information network on SCP

**3. To take the necessary steps** to guarantee the carrying out of the Regional Action Plan on SCP, regarding the search for and funding allocation for national and regional activities.

**4. To promote the strengthening** of each country institutional areas, responsible of SCP, and to maintain an active participation of these sections in the regional activities about the topic.

**5. To make the required decisions** to involve SCP in other areas of the economic and social development of the countries.

**6. To request UNEP** to support other countries to look for additional financing so that the activities on SCP can be extended in the region.

**7. To include** the topic of the Marrakech Process and Chapter III of Johannesburg Implementation Plan in the next meeting agenda for the Forum of Ministers of the Environment for revision and approval of the 10YFP to be presented in the CDS 2010 – 2011.

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<sup>(1)</sup> See Reference Document **UNEP/LAC-IGWG.XVI/Ref.6/Rev.1.**