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**Proposal for the Regional Action
Plan (RAP) 2010-2011 of the Forum
of Ministers of Environment of Latin
America and the Caribbean**

Background

1. Following up on Decision 1 (Evaluation of the Implementation of the Latin American and Caribbean Initiative for Sustainable Development (ILAC)), paragraph 5 of the Sixteenth Meeting of the Forum of Ministers of Environment of Latin America and the Caribbean (the Forum), the Intersessional Meeting of the Forum held on 20 and 21 October in Panama City, decided to establish a Contact Group to revise the structure and contents of the Regional Action Plan (RAP) 2010-2011. The Contact Group is composed of two countries per subregion (Mesoamerica: Mexico and Costa Rica; the Caribbean: St. Kitts and Nevis and the Dominican Republic; Andean sub-region: Ecuador and Peru; and Southern Cone: Argentina and Brazil), and members of the Interagency Technical Committee (UNDP, ECLAC, IDB, WB and UNEP) (the report of the meeting is available at: <http://www.pnuma.org/forodeministros/17-reunion/documentos/FinalReport%20of%20theIntersessional%20Meeting.pdf>).
2. After the Intersessional Meeting, the Contact Group had electronic exchanges and 4 virtual meetings facilitated by the Secretariat (UNEP), to advance on a proposed structure of the RAP. In order to finalize the proposed structure and its contents, the Brazilian government offered to co-sponsor with UNEP a meeting of the Contact Group in the city of Brasilia, Brazil on 3 and 4 February 2010.
3. At this face-to-face meeting, the Contact Group reached consensus on the format and contents of the draft proposal of the RAP 2010-2011, which was circulated to the countries to obtain their inputs. The Contact Group also agreed that the Secretariat should develop a format, to be used by the countries to report progress in the implementation of the RAP-2010-2011 on a semester basis. This format is attached as Annex I to this document. The RAP 2010-2011 Proposal is presented as follows.

PROPOSAL FOR THE REGIONAL ACTION PLAN (RAP) 2010-2011 OF THE FORUM OF MINISTERS OF ENVIRONMENT

The Contact Group established at the Intersessional Meeting celebrated on 20 and 21 October 2009, in Panama City, Panama, in compliance with its mandate presents the Proposal for the Regional Action Plan 2010-2011 for consideration of the Seventeenth Meeting of the Forum of Ministers of Environment of Latin America and the Caribbean.

ILAC Priority Areas	Regional Priorities	Products	Activities	ITC agencies with relevant initiatives/programmes	Focal Points	[Estimated cost and possible funding sources]	Calendar 2010-2011
CLIMATE CHANGE	The linkage between climate change and all ILAC areas (including renewable energy and energy efficiency) is recognized	Development or strengthening of capacities for adaptation to effects and mitigation of the causes of climate change	Climate Change <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Exchange of knowledge and experiences regarding the implementation of actions for adaptation and mitigation of climate change (i.e. through workshops, virtual meetings, networks, among others) 2. Dissemination of results and Exchange of knowledge and experiences (for example, through publications, internet use, virtual libraries, blogs, etc) 3. Promote inter sector research programmes on climate change, with focus on compiling systematizing and disseminating data [Development of a regional strategy for climate change adaptation and mitigation] 4. Carry out workshops to strengthen capacities of the climate change negotiators of the region. 				

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BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY	<p>1) Increase of forest area</p> <p>2) Genetic resources- Fair and equitable sharing of benefits derived from their use</p>	<p>Strengthening of capacities in the area of conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity</p>	<p>1) Forest Cover</p> <p>1.1. Identify areas of regional cooperation</p> <p>1.2. Develop and strengthen reforestation campaigns</p> <p>1.3. Support awareness campaigns for the conservation of primary forests and biological diversity, and [the reduction of deforestation rates]</p> <p>1.4. Increase the amount of certified forest covers through sustainable forest management</p> <p>1.5. Share experiences related to the use of information technologies for decision making</p> <p>2) Genetic Resources</p> <p>2.1. Develop and strengthen institutional capacities for the implementation of the international regime on access to genetic resources and equitable sharing of benefits</p> <p>3) Forest cover and genetic resources</p> <p>3.1. Develop studies on biodiversity and ecosystem economy</p>				

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WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT	<p>1)Watershed management</p> <p>2)Management of marine and coastal areas and their resources</p>	<p>Strengthening of capacities in the area of integrated water resources and marine coastal zones management</p>	<p>1)Watershed management</p> <p>1.1. Develop participative processes for integrated management of water resources</p> <p>2)Management of marine and coastal areas and their resources</p> <p>2.1. Strategies and plans to incorporate international standards for the sustainable management of coastal marine ecosystems</p> <p>2.2. Exchange knowledge and experiences regarding the implementation of actions related to the management of marine coastal areas and its resources (i.e. through workshops, virtual meetings, networks, among others)</p>				

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<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">VULNERABILITY, HUMAN SETTLEMENTS AND SUSTAINABLE CITIES</p>	<p>1) Vulnerability and risk management</p> <p>2) Waste management</p>	<p>1) Strengthening of regional institutional capacities for risk management</p> <p>2) Strengthening of capacities for the prevention, minimization and environmentally sound management of solid waste</p>	<p>1) Vulnerability and risk management</p> <p>1.1. Implementation of land planning instruments</p> <p>1.2. Support the improvement and operationalization of early warning, monitoring and immediate response systems</p> <p>2) Solid Waste</p> <p>2.1. Promote the use of cleaner production technologies for the reduction of solid waste</p> <p>2.2. Exchange of knowledge and experiences and use of technologies in the integrated management of solid waste (i.e. through workshops, networks, forums for local authorities regarding regulations, and management systems, among others)</p>				

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SOCIAL ISSUES, INCLUDING HEALTH, INEQUITY AND POVERTY	Health and environment (pollution and chemicals)	Positioning of the intersectoral approach to environmental and health management, and promotion of cooperation on chemical substances	<p>Pollution Chemical Substances</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Promote discussion forums and information exchange between environment and health sectors Strengthen south-south cooperation for the exchange of experiences on rational management of chemical substances in the relevant multilateral environmental agreements 				
ECONOMIC ISSUES, INCLUDING COMPETITIVENESS, TRADE AND PRODUCTION AND CONSUMPTION PATTERNS (ENERGY)	Sustainable Production and Consumption	Incorporation of sustainable consumption and production in development policies	<p>Sustainable Production and consumption</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Promote the use of green purchasing systems Incorporate Cleaner Production and Sustainable Public Procurement policies in the Action Plans of Public institutions Identify and evaluate instruments including economic and financial to promote the adoption of changes in production and consumption patterns Support the implementation of the recommendations made by the Fifth meeting of Government Experts on Sustainable Production and Consumption for LAC 				

ILAC Priority Areas	Regional Priorities	Products	Activities	ITC agencies with relevant initiatives/programmes	Focal Points	[Estimated cost and possible funding sources]	Calendar 2010-2011
INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS	1)Assessment and indicators 2)Environmental education	1) Strengthening capacities for generating, processing and disseminating of the ILAC indicators 2) Strengthening capacities to integrate environmental education into all levels of formal and non formal education	1)Assessment and indicators 1.1. Support the implementation of the recommendations of the Working Group on Indicators 1.2. Develop a virtual capacity building module for the generation, processing and dissemination of the ILAC indicators 1.3. Continue the integration of the GEO Data Portal with national information systems 1.4. Integrate the recollection of environmental data within national statistical processes 2) Environmental education 2.1. Review and analyse environmental education programmes and plans (for example, networks including the Environmental Training Network of LAC, PLACEA, PANACEA, among others) and make recommendations 2.2. Support the dissemination of all activities contained in the RAP 2010-2011 2.3. Implement PLACEA in the region 2.4. Support the processes of subregional integration and establish a mechanism of institutional support for diverse sub regional emerging initiatives				

DEFINITION OF COLUMN HEADINGS OF THE PROPOSED RAP 2010-2011 MATRIX

ILAC PRIORITY AREAS (Latin American and Caribbean Initiative for Sustainable Development)

The ILAC priority areas are those that are identified in the document entitled "Latin American and Caribbean Initiative for Sustainable Development" (UNEP/LAC-SMIG.1/2 Friday, 30 August 2002 http://www.pnuma.org/forodeministros/16-repdominicana/ILAC_EnglishVer.pdf)

REGIONAL PRIORITIES

Regional priorities are those that were agreed in Decision 1, paragraph 3 of the Sixteenth Meeting of the Forum of Ministers of Environment and those revised in accordance with paragraph 5 of the same decision, http://www.pnuma.org/forodeministros/16-repdominicana/rde09tri_FinalReportSixteenthMeeting_08Feb2008.pdf).

PRODUCTS/EXPECTED OUTPUTS

- The products are the expected results of the activities.
- The products must show a contribution towards the attainment of the regional priorities.
- They require the effort of two or more countries or two or more agencies and other partners.

ACTIVITIES

Activities are the agreed set of tasks to achieve the products. These tasks should be undertaken by countries, agencies and other partners (see 'Focal Points ").

ITC AGENCIES WITH RELEVANT PROGRAMMES/INITIATIVES

It refers to programmes or initiatives of the work programmes of the agencies of the Interagency Technical Committee (CTI) of the Forum of Ministers of Environment (United Nations Development Programme-UNDP, World Bank-WB, Inter American Development Bank-IDB, Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean-ECLAC, United Nations Environment Programme-UNEP) approved by their governing organisms and which are associated with the activities of the RAP 2010-2011. This column should be completed by agencies of the ITC before 25 March with a simple indication of yes or checkmark (v). Additionally, the agencies will provide work programmes for the biennium 2010-2011 and a brief summary about them to be distributed as reference documents.

FOCAL POINTS

Focal points are the administrative body within each Ministry of the Environment designated by the Minister as person responsible for monitoring and reporting on progress made on the product or regional priority. Active Working Groups will report to that focal point.

[ESTIMATED COST AND POTENTIAL FUNDING SOURCES]

During the discussions on the matrix, the Contact Group considered that there are not sufficient elements to determine the estimated costs and possible funding sources. Thus, the Contact Group agreed that, in presenting the RAP 2010-2011 for consideration by the Forum of Ministers, it will also be recommended for the Forum to provide guidance for the definition of costs and financing for the following RAP. It was also agreed that the RAP 2010-2011 will have a simple format for countries and agencies to provide progress reports every six months and the format will include a section to indicate the actual cost of activities. This amount may serve as a reference for estimating the costs of the following RAP.

2010-2011 CALENDAR

This column heading refers to the estimated date of completion of events related to the activities of the RAP 2010-2011 by countries and ITC agencies, as well as for the submission of biannual reports.

FINAL CONSIDERATIONS

The Seventeenth Meeting of the Forum of Environment Ministers of Latin America and the Caribbean offers an excellent opportunity to review and approve a conceptual revision of the structure and modalities of implementation of the RAP looking to evaluate the establishment of a joint programme with the Inter-Agency Technical Committee agencies (ITC), without prejudice to the activities undertaken by them.



ANNEX I

PROPOSED FORMAT FOR THE SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT ON THE PROGRESS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE REGIONAL ACTION PLAN FOR LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN (RAP) 2010-2011

Country: _____

Governmental Entity: _____

Focal Point: _____

(Name of the person in charge and responsible unit within the governmental entity)

Semester: May to December: 2010 _____

Semester: January-June 2011: _____

Semester: July-December 2011: _____

Guide for completing the report

The following format shows:

- The approved contents of the RAP namely: Priority ILAC Area, Regional Priority, Products and Activities (marked with *)
- Empty cells that must be completed by the countries, namely: Title of the Project or relevant actions implemented or under implementation, national or international agencies and institutions involved, actual cost, and status of implementation (marked with +)

The definitions of the contents of the RAP 2010-2011 (upon approval by the Forum of Ministers) appears at the end of the document, and the explanation of the information that must be filled in each column.

*PRIORITY AREA: CLIMATE CHANGE **Regional Priorities: The linkage between climate change and all ILAC areas (including renewable energy and energy efficiency) is recognized ***Products: Development or strengthening of capacities for adaptation to effects and mitigation of the causes of climate change				
****Activities	+Title of the project or relevant actions implemented or under implementation	++National or International agencies and institutions involved	+++Actual Cost	++++Status of implementation and information source if applies (i.e. website)
Climate Change				
1. Exchange of knowledge and experiences regarding the implementation of actions for adaptation and mitigation of climate change (i.e. through workshops, virtual meetings, networks, among others)	(No more than 175 words)			(No more than 300 words)
2. Dissemination of results and Exchange of knowledge and experiences (for example, through publications, internet use, virtual libraries, blogs, etc)				
3. Promote inter sector research programmes on climate change, with focus on compiling systematizing and disseminating data				
4. [Development of a regional strategy for climate change adaptation and mitigation]				
5. Carry out workshops to strengthen capacities of the climate change negotiators of the region.				

*BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY **Regional Priorities: 1) Increase of forest area, 2) Genetic resources-Fair and equitable sharing of benefits derived from their use ***Products: Strengthening of capacities in the area of conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity				
****Activities	+Title of the project or relevant actions implemented or under implementation	++National or International agencies and institutions involved	+++Actual Cost	++++Status of implementation and information source if applies (i.e. website)
1) Forest Cover 1.1 Identify areas of regional cooperation 1.2 Develop and strengthen reforestation campaigns 1.3 Support awareness campaigns for the conservation of primary forests and biological diversity, and [the reduction of deforestation rates] 1.4 Increase the amount of certified forest covers through sustainable forest management 1.5 Share experiences related to the use of information technologies for decision making	(No more than 175 words)			(No more than 300 words)
2) Genetic Resources 2.1. Develop and strengthen institutional capacities for the implementation of the international regime on access to genetic resources and equitable sharing of benefits				
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<p>*WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT **Regional Priorities: 1)Watershed management, 2)Management of marine and coastal areas and their resources ***Products: Strengthening of capacities in the area of integrated water resources and marine coastal zones management</p>				
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VULNERABILITY, HUMAN SETTLEMENTS AND SUSTAINABLE CITIES

Regional Priorities: 1) Vulnerability and risk management, 2) Waste management

Products: 1) Strengthening of regional institutional capacities for risk management, 2) Strengthening of capacities for the prevention, minimization and environmentally sound management of solid waste

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<p>1) Vulnerability and risk management</p> <p>1.1 Implementation of land planning instruments</p> <p>1.2 Support the improvement and operationalization of early warning, monitoring and immediate response systems</p>	<p>(No more than 175 words)</p>			<p>(No more than 300 words)</p>
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Regional Priorities: Health and environment (pollution and chemicals)

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<p>Pollution</p> <p>1. Promote discussion forums and information exchange between environment and health sectors</p>	<p>(No more than 175 words)</p>			<p>(No more than 300 words)</p>
<p>Chemical Substances</p> <p>Strengthen south-south cooperation for the exchange of experiences on rational management of chemical substances in the relevant multilateral environmental agreements</p>				

ECONOMIC ISSUES, INCLUDING COMPETITIVENESS, TRADE AND PRODUCTION AND CONSUMPTION PATTERNS (ENERGY) Regional Priorities: Sustainable Production and Consumption Products: Incorporation of sustainable consumption and production in development policies				
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Sustainable Production and consumption 1. Promote the use of green purchasing systems	(No more than 175 words)			(No more than 300 words)
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INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS Regional Priorities: 1)Assessment and indicators, 2)Environmental education Products: Strengthening capacities for generating processing and disseminating of the ILAC indicators, 2) Strengthening capacities to integrate environmental education into all levels of formal and non formal education				
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INFORMATION COLUMNS: COLUMNS ACCORDING TO THE CONTENTS OF THE RAP 2010-2011 TO BE AGREED BY THE SEVENTEENTH MEETING OF THE FORUM OF MINISTERS OF LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN :

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COLUMNS TO BE FILLED OUT: COLUMNS WHERE INFORMATION IS REQUIRED TO BE FILLED OUT WITH THE INFORMATION REQUESTED AS FOLLOWS:

+ **Name of the relevant project or action implemented or under implementation:** include projects that have been implemented or that are under execution in accordance to the activities agreed to achieve outputs.

+ + **National or international agencies and entities involved:** Include the name of the entity or entities involved in project implementation.

+ + + **Actual cost:** include the amount spent on the implementation of the relevant action or project.

++++ **Status of implementation and source of information if applicable** (i.e. website): Refers to the status of implementation of the activity. This section should include a brief explanation indicating the progress made and if possible the percentage of execution. (Include additional sources of information if available)