

Decision 1.

Governance and Strengthening of the Forum of Ministers of Environment of Latin America and the Caribbean

Taking into account paragraph 15 of Decision 27/2 of the United Nations Environment Programme Governing Council;

Highlighting the need to consolidate the Forum of Ministers of Environment of the region as a platform to pursue dialogue, cooperation and shared interests;

Taking into account that the Forum of Ministers of Environment, including all the countries of the region, is one of the most relevant spaces of political dialogue to establish and identify regional priorities on environmental issues;

Acknowledging that, in light of the opportunities and challenges emerging from the global environmental agenda, there is a need to enhance the ability of the Forum of Ministers to articulate at the political level, considering our regional environmental priorities;

Decide

- 1. To disseminate broadly** the decisions adopted by the Forum of Ministers, in the relevant instances and processes, in particular the first meeting of the United Nations Environment Assembly of UNEP (UNEA).
- 2. To continue promoting** political dialogue and sharing of experiences on environmental topics of regional interest, to identify common regional visions and understandings to increase South-South cooperation and to enhance the endogenous capacities of the region.
- 3. To undertake** the update of the ILAC based on the discussions of the Meeting of High Level Experts of this forum and identify priority issues in the intersessional meeting of this forum, with the support of the Secretary, and report on its achievements to the XX Meeting of the Forum of Ministers.

4. To request the Secretariat to create a Clearinghouse mechanism (CHM) of the Forum, covering the agendas and programmes of other subregional and regional mechanisms, to identify and promote that identified programmes increase coherence of existing work, avoid duplication and contribute to knowledge management, and report on its achievements to the XX Meeting of the Forum of Ministers .