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OUTCOME OF THE INTERSESIONAL MEETING OF THE FORUM OF MINISTERS OF ENVIRONMENT OF LATIN AMERICA AND CARIBBEAN

Meeting in Quito, Ecuador on April 2nd and 3rd, 2013, the delegates of [-----] have formed the Intersessional Meeting of the Forum of Ministers of Environment of Latin America and the Caribbean, This Forum wherewith:

1. Welcomes the decisions and commitments made during the meeting of the Working Group for the CELAC environmental issues in defining strategic guidelines and policies for the region;
2. Highlights the work, results, lessons learned and experiences related to the institutional development of the Forum of Ministers of Environment of Latin America and the Caribbean, accumulated over the last 30 years;
3. States that in the context of the multiple crises facing humanity, from the Latin American and Caribbean emerged new visions and alternative proposals for development in harmony with nature;
4. It recalls the need to promote a joint position to create enabling mechanisms for technology transfer and capacity building for the benefit of developing countries to enable wider dissemination of those technologies adaptable to their own national situation, to make the difference in to reducing environmental impact and contribute to sustainable development;
5. It stresses the importance of strengthening environmental education in the region, ensuring its transvers theme, through mechanisms organized by the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean, and establish in the Forum mechanisms for monitoring and evaluation of the commitments made by each of the countries;
6. Recognizes the limits of nature, its importance for life and promote a harmonious relationship with it, the promotion of all human and collective rights, justice and solidarity between generations and social and economic inclusion, respect for cultural and social diversity of peoples and nationalities indigenous.

RECOMMEND THAT:

7. The experiences of the Forum of Ministers are a source of information of great importance for the formation of judgment criteria and represent the basis for governance and institutional strengthening of the Forum of Ministers of Environment of Latin America and the Caribbean.
8. The Forum of Ministers of Environment ALC must consolidate the will of the region represented by the decisions and arrangements entered into by the Working Group on Environmental of CELAC.

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And channeling international cooperation activities in the environmental regional area.

9. Is necessary to continue and advance the work of the Inter-Agency Technical Committee (ITC), keeping its main features (i) provide technical and operational advice and (ii) facilitate the mobilization of funding for the implementation of the regional agenda of the Forum , which has to be coordinated and articulated with the Environmental Agenda CELAC.
10. Present during the XIX Meeting of the Forum of Ministers for approval, a strengthened ILAC representing the framework of the priority areas and specific activities aimed at integrating environmental perspective in the social, economic and institutional, articulated with AACELAC.
11. Strengthen the bond of the environmental dimension of sustainable development axes such as the economic, social and cultural development through plans, programs, policies in the region.
12. Is necessary the activation of the ILAC complementary mechanisms: The Regional Action Plan and Working Groups, avoiding duplication of activities and inefficient use of resources. And collect the initiatives and proposals in the region to improve or develop new mechanisms.
13. Strengthen and expand the technical space, where it can stimulate debate and discussion of projects and programs, their technical feasibility, design improvements and proposals and initiatives of instruments and implementation and operation in the region, in coordination with the AACELAC.
14. Engaging the Secretariat and the Presidency Protempore over time in generating texts of declarations and decisions in advance of meetings in order to agree the outline with the aim of reducing the time required in the agreement on criteria for meetings and prioritizing technical debate and discussion.
15. Recognize and encourages continued progress report presented at the XVIII decisions Forum of Ministers of Environment of Latin America and the Caribbean.

We recognize the support and work of the Secretariat in organizing the event.