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Antigua and Barbuda,* Argentina, Costa Rica,* Dominican Republic,* Ecuador,* Guyana,* Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Peru,* Saint Kitts and Nevis,* Saint Lucia,* Saint Vincent and the Grenadines* and Uruguay:* revised draft resolution

Follow-up to the Regional Agreement on Access to Information, Public Participation and Justice in Environmental Matters in Latin America and the Caribbean

The Economic and Social Council,

Reaffirming General Assembly resolution 70/1 of 25 September 2015, entitled "Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development", in which the Assembly adopted a comprehensive, far-reaching and people-centred set of universal and transformative Sustainable Development Goals and targets and reaffirmed its commitment to working tirelessly for the full implementation of the Agenda by 2030, its recognition that eradicating poverty in all its forms and dimensions, including extreme poverty, is the greatest global challenge and an indispensable requirement for sustainable development, its commitment to achieving sustainable development in its three dimensions – economic, social and environmental – in a balanced and integrated manner, and to building upon the achievements of the Millennium Development Goals and seeking to address their unfinished business,

Reaffirming also all the principles of the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development,[1]

Recalling the Declaration on the Application of Principle 10 of the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development, adopted in the context of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from 20 to 22 June 2012, and endorsed by 24 Governments from Latin America and the Caribbean,[2] in which they reaffirmed their commitment to principle 10 of the 1992

* In accordance with rule 72 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council.

[1] *Report of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, Rio de Janeiro, 3–14 June 1992*, vol. I, *Resolutions Adopted by the Conference* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.93.I.8 and corrigendum), resolution 1, annex I.

[2] A/CONF.216/13, annex.

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Rio Declaration on Environment and Development and the rights of access to information, participation and justice regarding environmental issues, declared their willingness to work towards a regional instrument promoting the full application of those rights and requested the support of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean as technical secretariat,

Recalling also the adoption of the Regional Agreement on Access to Information, Public Participation and Justice in Environmental Matters in Latin America and the Caribbean, known as the Escazú Agreement, on 4 March 2018, in Escazú, Costa Rica, and the designation of the Secretary-General of the United Nations as its depositary,

Noting that in article 17 of the Escazú Agreement the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean is designated as Secretary of the Agreement and the Commission is mandated to carry out the secretariat functions, which, inter alia, include convening and organizing the meetings of the Conference of the Parties and its subsidiary bodies and providing the necessary services, and providing assistance to the parties upon their request for capacity-building,

Recalling that the Regional Agreement was opened for signature, ratification, acceptance, approval or accession by the 33 countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on 27 September 2018 at United Nations Headquarters in New York,

1. *Acknowledges* the entry into force of the Regional Agreement on Access to Information, Public Participation and Justice in Environmental Matters in Latin America and the Caribbean (Escazú Agreement) on 22 April 2021, 90 days after meeting the requirements established in article 22 of the Agreement, coinciding with International Mother Earth Day;

2. *Welcomes* the Escazú Agreement as the first treaty concluded under the auspices of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide, within existing resources and in line with regular budgetary procedures, adequate, stable and predictable resources to the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean to perform its functions as secretariat of the Regional Agreement on Access to Information, Public Participation and Justice in Environmental Matters in Latin America and the Caribbean, pursuant to article 17 of the Agreement, ensuring mandate implementation;

4. *Invites* the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean to continue seeking voluntary contributions to cover any necessary, immediate costs arising from the entry into force of the Escazú Agreement in 2021, and encourages all Member States in a position do so to contribute in that regard.