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Sixth meeting of the negotiating committee
of the regional agreement on access to information,
participation and justice in environmental matters
in Latin America and the Caribbean

Brasilia, 20-24 March 2017

AGREEMENTS

The representatives of the countries participating in the sixth meeting of the negotiating committee of the regional agreement on access to information, participation and justice in environmental matters in Latin America and the Caribbean, held in Brasilia from 20 to 24 March 2017,

1. *Acknowledge* the significant progress made in the negotiations on the basis of the text compiled by the Presiding Officers, which will be presented in a sixth version of that document;
2. *Agree* to resume the negotiations on the text compiled by the Presiding Officers at the seventh meeting of the negotiating committee, using the sixth version of that text;
3. *Recall* that, with a view to completing the process by December 2017, the committee will meet regularly, both in person and virtually, on the basis of the updated calendar of meetings attached as an annex hereto, and request the Presiding Officers to steer the negotiation process, with the support of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean as technical secretariat, by making good use of the flexible working modalities for the review of outstanding issues already considered by the plenary, such as the contact groups, and with the meaningful participation of the public;
4. *Thank* the Government of Argentina for the invitation to hold the seventh meeting of the negotiating committee of the regional agreement on access to information, participation and justice in environmental matters in Latin America and the Caribbean in Buenos Aires from 31 July to 4 August 2017;
5. *Agree* to convene the eighth meeting of the negotiating committee of the regional agreement on access to information, participation and justice in environmental matters in Latin America and the Caribbean tentatively from 27 November to 1 December 2017, at a place yet to be decided;
6. *Thank* the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean for its support as technical secretariat and, in particular, for the presentation of the preliminary report assessing the possible administrative, financial and budgetary implications of the agreement and the progress made in the development of the Observatory on Principle 10 in Latin America and the Caribbean;

7. *Agree* to discuss the possible administrative, financial and budgetary implications of the regional agreement, including the preliminary report presented by the secretariat at the sixth meeting of the negotiating committee.

8. *Thank* the people and the Government of Brazil for their hospitality and the effort devoted to the organization of the sixth meeting of the negotiating committee of the regional agreement on access to information, participation and justice in environmental matters in Latin America and the Caribbean.

Annex 1

**CALENDAR OF MEETINGS OF THE NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE
OF THE REGIONAL AGREEMENT ON ACCESS TO INFORMATION,
PARTICIPATION AND JUSTICE IN ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS
IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN**

With a view to concluding negotiations on the agreement by December 2017, the Committee will meet periodically, both in person and virtually, on the following dates:

- 23 May 2017: intersessional meeting of the negotiating committee (virtual)
- 11 July 2017: intersessional meeting of the negotiating committee (virtual)
- 31 July - 4 August 2017: seventh meeting of the negotiating committee (Buenos Aires)
- 27 November - 1 December 2017: eighth meeting of the negotiating committee.