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First meeting of the countries signatory to the
Regional Agreement on Access to Information, Public Participation
and Justice in Environmental Matters in Latin America and the Caribbean

San José, 11–12 October 2019

AGREEMENTS

The representatives of the signatory countries participating in the first meeting of the countries signatory to the Regional Agreement on Access to Information, Public Participation and Justice in Environmental Matters in Latin America and the Caribbean, held in San José on 11 and 12 October 2019 agree to,

1. *Redouble* efforts to bring about the prompt entry into effect of the Regional Agreement on Access to Information, Public Participation and Justice in Environmental Matters in Latin America and the Caribbean (Escazú Agreement);
2. *Invite* all Latin American and Caribbean States to sign the Escazú Agreement, in accordance with article 21 thereof, and to ratify, accept, approve or accede to it, as appropriate, as soon as possible;
3. *Continue* working to make progress on the topics to be addressed at the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Escazú Agreement and necessary for its operation and implementation, such as its rules of procedure, the rules of composition and operation of the Committee to Support Implementation and Compliance, the financial provisions and the Voluntary Fund, using flexible working modalities and information technologies for this purpose, with the support of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean as secretariat and significant participation by the public;
4. *Thank* the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean for its support as secretariat and the progress achieved in developing the Observatory on Principle 10 in Latin America and the Caribbean;
5. *Also thank* the public and its representatives for their valuable participation and their contributions on the occasion of the first meeting of the countries signatory to the Agreement, and invite them to register with the Regional Public Mechanism;
6. *Further thank* the international organizations and other organizations and platforms for the support expressed for the attainment of the objectives of the Escazú Agreement and its implementation;
7. *Also thank* the people and Government of Costa Rica for their hospitality and the effort devoted to the organization of the first meeting of the countries signatory to the Regional Agreement on Access to Information, Public Participation and Justice in Environmental Matters in Latin America and the Caribbean.