

## 602(XXX) MONITORING SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,

Bearing in mind the Plan of Implementation of the World Summit on Sustainable Development and the decisions adopted at the eleventh session of the United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development regarding the role that the regional commissions should play in monitoring progress towards sustainable development at the regional level,<sup>5</sup>

Bearing in mind also that monitoring such progress entails organizing regional meetings focusing on the issues to be addressed in the relevant implementation cycle,<sup>6</sup>

Aware that it is necessary to make greater progress in the countries of the region in terms of integration, coordination, complementarity, coherence and long-term vision in the design and implementation of public policy in order to enhance the sustainability of development,

Highlighting the substantive contributions that the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean has been making in the sessions of the Commission on Sustainable Development,

1. Commends the secretariat for taking the initiative to organize a special meeting within the framework of its session for the purpose of analysing the varied dimensions of the challenges and opportunities that sustainable development represents for the region;
2. Welcomes the document prepared by the secretariat entitled “Monitoring sustainable development in Latin America and the Caribbean: needs and a proposal”;
3. Agrees to proceed with the inclusion of a regional forum for the implementation of the decisions adopted at the World Summit on Sustainable Development within the framework of the activities of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean;
4. Requests the Executive Secretary to convene this regional implementation forum, taking into consideration the two-year action-oriented implementation cycles of the Commission on Sustainable Development;
5. Invites the international community and the member countries of the Economic Commission to collaborate in the organization of these meetings with a view to ensuring that

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<sup>5</sup> A/CONF.99/20.

<sup>6</sup> E/2003/29; E/CN.17/2003/6. Commission on Sustainable Development, Report on the eleventh session (27 January 2003 and 28 April-9 May 2003). The work of the Commission is to be organized in a series of two-year action-oriented “implementation cycles”, which will include a “review session” and a “policy session”.

they are held regularly and serve as a permanent forum for dialogue and consensus-building on the subject.