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The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,

Considering that the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development will be held shortly, and that many of the causes of the economic and social problems of Latin America and the Caribbean still persist, thus increasing the seriousness of the problems of poverty and environmental deterioration,

Taking into account the work done by the Preparatory Committee of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development and the documents related thereto prepared by other international bodies,

Considering that environmental issues in the region and the rest of the world are part of the development process and must therefore be considered an integral part of sustainable development,

1. Express the hope that the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development will successfully address issues of concern to all parties;
2. Affirm that the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean is prepared to support and coordinate regional and subregional activities within its sphere of competence, pursuant to decisions taken at the Conference, in addition to carrying out the activities for which it has a mandate to act in this field;
3. Recommend to member States that they promote the incorporation of the environmental dimension into the work of regional and subregional organizations and into regional and subregional agreements to foster cultural, educational, economic and social cooperation and integration, and that they further promote and support regional and subregional agreements, organizations and mechanisms specifically relating to environmental issues.