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ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

A. BACKGROUND AND OBJECTIVES

At the thirty-sixth session of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), held in Mexico City from 23 to 27 May 2016, the member States adopted resolution 700(XXXVI), Mexico Resolution, which established the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development as a regional mechanism to follow up and review the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, including the Sustainable Development Goals and targets, its means of implementation, and the Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development.[1] The Economic and Social Council subsequently endorsed the establishment of the Forum in its resolution 2016/12.

The Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development is State-led and open to participation by all Latin American and Caribbean countries. It is convened under the auspices of ECLAC and guided by the principles established for all follow-up and review processes by the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, adopted in September 2015 by the United Nations General Assembly.[2] It involves States, the private sector and civil society, as well as subsidiary bodies of ECLAC, development banks, other United Nations agencies and regional integration blocs. The Forum should provide useful opportunities for peer learning, including through voluntary reviews, the sharing of best practices and discussion of shared targets.

The objective of the Forum is to provide those responsible for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda in the countries of the region with a space conducive to peer learning through interactive sessions in which participants are able to identify, through the discussion of common experiences and goals, good practices that would allow member countries to make recommendations and present them at the high-level political forum on sustainable development, under the auspices of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council, as part of regional contributions to the global follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda. The first meeting of the Forum was held in Mexico City in 2017, and the second meeting will be held at ECLAC headquarters in Santiago.

Chair

As provided in resolution 700(XXXVI) of ECLAC, the Forum will be convened annually by the Chair of the Committee of the Whole of ECLAC and will meet under the auspices of the Commission. On this occasion, Mexico will chair the meeting of the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development.

B. PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda.

2. Presentation of the second annual report on regional progress and challenges in relation to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, by the secretariat of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC).

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[1] See resolution 700(XXXVI) of ECLAC in annex 1.

[2] Resolution 70/1 of the United Nations General Assembly.

3. Peer learning sessions.

- Challenges of implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in the Caribbean.
- Participatory approaches to implementing the 2030 Agenda.
- Platforms for follow-up to the Sustainable Development Goals.
- Continuity in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and new challenges.

4. Latin American and Caribbean and European interregional dialogue on implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

5. The regional dimension of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development: contributions of the United Nations system.

6. Dialogues on multi-stakeholder contributions to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

7. Dialogues on the shift towards sustainable and resilient societies (Sustainable Development Goals 6, 7, 11, 12, 15 and 17).

8. Special session on artificial intelligence: accelerated technological change

9. Other matters.

10. Conclusions and recommendations.

C. ANNOTATIONS TO THE AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda

The Forum will have before it the provisional agenda[3] for adoption or amendment.

2. Presentation of the second annual report on regional progress and challenges in relation to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, by the secretariat of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)

Under this agenda item, the secretariat will give an annual progress report, as provided in paragraph 8 of resolution 700(XXXVI).

Working document:

- Second annual report on regional progress and challenges in relation to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/FDS.2/3)

[3] LC/FDS.2/1/Rev.2.

3. Peer learning sessions

Pursuant to the wish expressed by the countries that the Forum should provide useful opportunities for peer learning, including through voluntary reviews, the sharing of best practices and discussion on shared targets, this session has been organized to allow the member countries of the Forum to report on and share their experiences and challenges in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

The discussion themes will include:

(i) **Challenges of implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in the Caribbean**: in accordance with the 2030 Agenda, which recognizes that each country faces specific challenges to achieve sustainable development and underscores the special challenges facing the most vulnerable countries, this session has been organized to address the specific problems facing Caribbean countries, such as vulnerability to climate change, natural disasters and high debt levels, and the situation of the least developed countries and small island developing States.

(ii) **Participatory approaches to implementing the 2030 Agenda**: on the basis of presentations on institutional participatory mechanisms and instruments, the authorities responsible for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda in the member countries of the Forum will discuss the different institutional arrangements designed to promote and facilitate the participation of non-governmental stakeholders in the implementation, follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda.

(iii) **Platforms for follow-up of the Sustainable Development Goals**: on the basis of presentations on national follow-up platforms for the Sustainable Development Goals, the authorities responsible for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda in the member countries of the Forum will discuss the different instruments, tools and methodologies used in support of national monitoring processes relating to the 2030 Agenda.

(iv) **Continuity in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and new challenges**: on the basis of presentations on institutional transitions, the authorities responsible for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda in the member countries of the Forum will discuss the challenge of pursuing the 2030 Agenda in light of changes in government following the elections due to be held in the region in 2018.

The secretariat will prepare a guide with questions to steer the debate.

4. Latin American and Caribbean and European interregional dialogue on implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

The Latin American and Caribbean region is strongly committed to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, as shown by the large number of countries that presented their voluntary national reviews to the high-level political forum on sustainable development, made institutional arrangements for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda or strengthened their national statistical capacity. The aim of this session will be to share experiences and best practices in the implementation, follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda between Latin America and the Caribbean and Europe. In future meetings of the Forum it is hoped that this peer learning exercise will be repeated with other regions of the world.

5. The regional dimension of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development: contributions of the United Nations system

As highlighted in paragraph 4(c) of resolution 700(XXXVI), which invites the regional offices of the United Nations specialized agencies, funds and programmes to participate and engage in the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development in a coordinated manner, the United Nations agencies will report on their efforts to support and assist the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Addis Ababa Action Agenda, in light of the reform of the United Nations development system[4] being advanced by the Secretary-General.

6. Dialogues on multi-stakeholder contributions to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

In accordance with the provisions of paragraphs 4(b) and (d) of resolution 700(XXXVI) and with the inclusive nature of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, which encourages the participation of all relevant stakeholders, the second meeting of the Forum will include recommendations on contributions to supporting and assisting the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean in implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Addis Ababa Action Agenda by:

(i) International organizations that are not part of the United Nations system;

(ii) Development banks and financial institutions; and

(iii) Civil society, the private sector and other relevant stakeholders.

These regional stakeholders will be expected to share their experiences and make recommendations relating to the activities carried out within their scope of action since the launch of the 2030 Agenda.

Contributions should be sent by email to secretariaforoalc2030@cepal.org by 30 March 2018 in order to be made available on the Forum website.

Reference documents:

- Report of the ECLAC subsidiary bodies to the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development, May 2017 to April 2018 (LC/FDS.2/DDR/1)
- Civil society participation in the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development. Note by the secretariat (LC/FDS.2/4)

7. Dialogues on the shift towards sustainable and resilient societies (Sustainable Development Goals 6, 7, 11, 12, 15 and 17)

Resolution 700(XXXVI) provides that the Forum will be convened under the auspices of the Commission and that it will contribute to the guidance provided by the high-level political forum on sustainable development. Therefore, pursuant to resolution 70/299 adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on the

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[4] See *Repositioning the United Nations development system to deliver on the 2030 Agenda: our promise for dignity, prosperity and peace on a healthy planet*. Report of the Secretary-General (A/72/684-E/2018/7), 21 December 2017.

follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at the global level, and without prejudice to the integrated and indivisible nature of the Sustainable Development Goals, the following Goals will be reviewed in 2018:

Goal 6: Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all.

Goal 7: Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all.

Goal 11: Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable.

Goal 12: Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns.

Goal 15: Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss.

In addition, Goal 17 —Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development— will be reviewed every year.

The Forum will comply with this guidance as follows: Goals 6, 7, 11, 12, 15 and 17 will be addressed at three round tables on the economic dimension, the social dimension and the environmental dimension.

The regional discussions will convene representatives of the governments of member countries of the Forum, civil society, the private sector and international agencies, in order to identify regional gaps, emerging challenges and shared targets on the basis of an integrated approach to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals in Latin America and the Caribbean. The secretariat will prepare a guide with questions to steer the debate.

8. Special session on artificial intelligence: accelerated technological change

As stated in the Addis Ababa Action Agenda, the creation, development and diffusion of new innovations and technologies and associated know-how, including the transfer of technology on mutually agreed terms, are powerful drivers of sustainable development. This session will offer an opportunity to consider how to address technology challenges for sustainable development. The topic of accelerated technological change will be discussed at this session.

9. Other matters

Under this agenda item, delegations may raise any other matters they deem appropriate.

10. Conclusions and recommendations

Resolution 700(XXXVI) of ECLAC states that the outcome of the Forum will consist of intergovernmentally agreed conclusions and recommendations and a summary prepared by its Chair. The same resolution encourages the countries to submit these conclusions, recommendations and summary, as appropriate, to the high-level political forum on sustainable development under the auspices of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council, as part of the regional contribution to the global follow-up and review process of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, to the Economic and Social Council Forum on Financing for Development Follow-up, as part of the regional contribution to the global follow-up process of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda, and to the United Nations Regional Coordination Mechanism.

The Chair, with the support of the secretariat, will consult, as necessary, with the member countries of the Forum regarding the conclusions and recommendations of the second meeting.

Annex 1

700(XXXVI) MEXICO RESOLUTION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FORUM OF THE COUNTRIES OF LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,

Recalling resolution 695(PLEN.16-E) adopted by the Committee of the Whole at its sixteenth extraordinary session held in Santiago on 16 April 2015, in which the Committee decided to launch a regional consultation process aimed at establishing the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development at the thirty-sixth session of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean in 2016,

Recalling also resolution 696(PLEN.31) adopted by the Committee of the Whole at its thirty-first session, held in New York on 28 April 2016, in which the countries welcomed the successful conclusion of the regional consultation process aimed at establishing the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development,

Having examined the draft report of the thirty-first session of the Committee of the Whole,

1. *Decides* to establish the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development in accordance with the outcome of the thirty-first session of the Committee of the Whole, as set forth in the annex to this resolution.

Annex

RESOLUTION OF THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FORUM OF THE COUNTRIES OF LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,

Recalling resolution 695(PLEN.16-E) of its Committee of the Whole, through which, inter alia, a regional consultation process was launched with the aim of establishing the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development at the thirty-sixth session of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean in 2016,

Welcoming General Assembly resolution 70/1, entitled "Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development", in which it 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 this 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, and 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,

Recalling that the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, inter alia, recognizes the importance of building on existing follow-up and review mechanisms at the regional level and allowing adequate policy space, encourages all Member States to identify the most suitable regional forum in which to engage, as well as United Nations regional commissions to continue supporting Member States in this regard, and establishes guiding principles for follow-up and review processes at all levels, taking into account different national realities, capacities and levels of development, respecting policy space and priorities, while remaining consistent with international rules and commitments, and recognizing that the outcome from national-level processes will be the foundation for reviews at the regional and global levels, given that the global review will be primarily based on national official data sources,

Welcoming General Assembly resolution 69/313, entitled "Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development", which, inter alia, commits Member States to fully engage, nationally, regionally and internationally, in ensuring proper and effective follow-up of the financing for development outcomes and all the means of implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and encourages the United Nations regional commissions, in cooperation with regional banks and organizations, to mobilize their expertise and existing mechanisms, which could focus on thematic aspects of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 61/16 and 68/1, which, inter alia, urge the United Nations regional commissions to contribute, within their mandates, to the review of progress made in the implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits, and resolution 66/288, in which countries agreed to strengthen the Economic and Social Council as a principal body in the integrated and coordinated follow-up of the outcomes of all major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social, environmental and related fields,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 67/290, which, inter alia, acknowledges the importance of the regional dimension of sustainable development, and invites the United Nations regional commissions to contribute to the work of the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development, including through annual regional meetings, with the involvement of other relevant regional entities, major groups and other relevant stakeholders, as appropriate,

Emphasizing the importance of establishing a regional forum to follow up and review progress on the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, including for, inter alia, strengthening coherence and coordination, promoting cooperation and providing policy guidance, fostering national capacity-building, hosting voluntary State-led national reviews, identifying regional gaps, emerging challenges and shared targets, fostering peer learning by sharing good practices, experiences and lessons learned, helping to mobilize the necessary means of implementation, encouraging participation of all relevant stakeholders, providing a platform for partnerships, favouring people-centred policies and actions, transparency and accountability, and promoting the development, dissemination, diffusion and transfer of environmentally sound technologies,

Recognizing that there are different approaches, visions, models and tools available to each country, in accordance with its national circumstances and priorities, to achieve sustainable development; and reaffirming that planet Earth and its ecosystems are our common home and that "Mother Earth" is a common expression in a number of countries and regions,

Emphasizing the importance of system-wide strategic planning, implementation and reporting in order to ensure coherent and integrated support by the United Nations development system for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and of the financing for development processes, including at the regional level, taking into account other regional and subregional processes promoting the impact of international development cooperation,

Taking into consideration the special needs and particular challenges of landlocked developing countries, and recognizing the special sustainable development challenges facing small island developing States, middle-income countries, least developed countries, countries in situations of conflict and post-conflict countries,

Taking note with appreciation of the Note by the secretariat of the Commission,[1] prepared in fulfilment of resolution 695(PLEN.16-E) adopted by the Committee of the Whole,

1. *Decides* to establish the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development as a regional mechanism to follow up and review the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, including the Sustainable Development Goals and targets, its means of implementation, and the Addis Ababa Action Agenda;

2. *Decides also* that the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development will be State-led and open to the participation of Latin American and Caribbean countries, and that it should provide useful opportunities for peer learning, including through voluntary reviews, the sharing of best practices and discussion on shared targets, benefiting from the cooperation of regional and subregional commissions and organizations, in order to guide an inclusive regional process drawing on national-level reviews and contributing to follow-up and review of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda at the global level, including at the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development and at the Economic and Social Council Forum on Financing for Development Follow-up, as appropriate;

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[1] LC/L.4123.

3. *Reaffirms* that the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development will be guided by the principles established for all follow-up and review processes by the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;

4. *Decides* that the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development will build on existing platforms and mandates, avoiding duplications and the creation of additional structures, and that within existing resources it will promote coordination and coherence within the United Nations development system, and invite other relevant regional and subregional entities and international financial institutions to be involved in its meetings, as appropriate, while addressing the three dimensions of sustainable development in an integrated and balanced manner, and in these regards further decides that:

(a) The Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development will be informed by the following subsidiary bodies of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, as appropriate:

(i) The Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean,
(ii) The Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee,
(iii) The Regional Council for Planning of the Latin American and Caribbean Institute for Economic and Social Planning,
(iv) The Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,
(v) The Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean,
(vi) The Conference on Science, Innovation and Information and Communications Technologies,
(vii) The Committee on South-South Cooperation,
(viii) The Regional Conference on Social Development in Latin America and the Caribbean,
(ix) The Committee of High-Level Government Experts, and
(x) The Central American Economic Cooperation Committee,

(b) Other relevant intergovernmental regional mechanisms, including the Forum of Ministers of the Environment of Latin America and the Caribbean and the Forum of Ministers of Social Development of Latin America, are invited to provide inputs and contributions and inform the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development, within their existing mandates, on their work related to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda,

(c) The regional offices of the United Nations specialized agencies, funds and programmes are also invited to participate and engage in the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development in a coordinated manner, including through the submission of contributions to be reflected in annual progress reports of the Commission, and the presentation of their efforts in supporting and assisting the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Addis Ababa Action Agenda,

(d) Relevant international financial institutions, including regional and subregional development banks, are also invited to participate and engage in the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development, including through the presentation of their efforts in supporting and assisting the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Addis Ababa Action Agenda, as appropriate,

(e) The Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development will take into account, as appropriate, the outcomes related to sustainable development agreed by the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States, including its 2025 Plan on Food Security, Nutrition and Eradication of Hunger;

5. *Stresses* that the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development will recognize the special needs and particular challenges of landlocked developing countries, and the special sustainable development challenges facing small island developing States, middle-income countries, least developed countries, countries in situations of conflict and post-conflict countries, in order to address the universal character of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;

6. *Highlights* that the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development will be convened under the auspices of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean and that it will contribute to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda, and to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals by, inter alia:

(a) Strengthening coordination, promoting cooperation and providing political guidance through recommendations for sustainable development at the regional level,

(b) Fostering the integration of the three dimensions of sustainable development in a holistic and cross-sectoral manner, with a particular focus on the eradication of poverty in all its forms and dimensions, the promotion of sustained, equitable and inclusive economic growth, including sustainable consumption and production patterns, the reduction of inequalities and the promotion of social inclusion, the recognition of cultural diversity and of the role of culture as a crucial enabler of sustainable development, the protection and sustainable use of the environment, and the promotion of good living in harmony with nature,

(c) Assessing progress on the regional implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, including through the consideration of annual reports issued by the secretariat of the Commission to be based, as appropriate, on the global indicators framework for the Sustainable Development Goals and targets agreed upon by the United Nations Statistical Commission, and on other relevant indicators for regional, national and subnational levels of monitoring developed at the regional and national levels, taking also into account the indicators encompassed under the operational guidelines for implementing the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development, as appropriate. All indicators should be based to the greatest extent possible on comparable and standardized official national statistics provided by the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean and, when other sources and methodologies are used, these will be reviewed and agreed upon by national statistical authorities and presented in a transparent manner,

(d) Following-up and reviewing the implementation of the Small Island Developing States Accelerated Modalities of Action (Samoa Pathway) at the regional level,

(e) Assessing the implementation of the Vienna Programme of Action for Landlocked Developing Countries for the Decade 2014-2024 at the regional level,

(f) Promoting international cooperation and national capacity-building for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, including through South-South and triangular cooperation, and other modalities of cooperation in order to strengthen and complement traditional modalities of cooperation,

(g) Hosting voluntary State-led national reviews,

(h) Identifying regional gaps, emerging challenges and shared targets for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals and targets,

(i) Fostering peer learning by sharing good practices, experiences and lessons learned,

(j) Helping to mobilize the necessary means of implementation for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals and targets,

(k) Encouraging the participation of all relevant stakeholders, including civil society, academia and the private sector, in accordance with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Addis Ababa Action Agenda,

(l) Providing a platform for partnerships for sustainable development,

(m) Favouring people-centred policies and actions, transparency and accountability,

(n) Promoting the coordination and coherence of national development plans and strategies with global frameworks,

(o) Contributing to the guidance provided by the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council and of the General Assembly, as well as of the Economic and Social Council Forum on Financing for Development Follow-up, as appropriate,

(p) Promoting, at the regional level, the development, dissemination, diffusion and transfer of environmentally sound technologies, and stepping up regional cooperation and collaboration in science, research, technology and innovation, including through public-private and multi-stakeholder partnerships, and on the basis of common interest and mutual benefit, focusing on the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals;

7. *Decides* that the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development will be convened annually, as appropriate, by the Chair of the Committee of the Whole of the Commission. It will be supported by the secretariat of the Commission, and aligned with the schedules, working programmes and themes of the Economic and Social Council, of the latter's Forum on Financing for Development Follow-up, and of the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development, as appropriate;

8. *Requests* the secretariat of the Commission to issue an annual progress report, four weeks in advance of the respective meeting of the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development. The report will be considered a regional contribution for the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development under the auspices of Economic and Social Council and its forum on financing for development follow-up, as appropriate, and will assess the regional progress and challenges in implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, on the basis of agreed indicators and other relevant contributions from the subsidiary bodies of the Commission, and on national-level reviews, as appropriate, and it will provide policy recommendations to be considered by the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development;

9. *Also requests* the secretariat of the Commission to prepare a quadrennial progress report, to be considered by the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development as a regional contribution to the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development under the auspices of the General Assembly, consolidating and building on the progress and challenges identified in the preceding annual reports, in order to provide a broader analysis of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at the regional level;

10. *Encourages* the Latin American and Caribbean countries to submit, through the Forum, its intergovernmentally agreed conclusions and recommendations, and a summary produced by its Chair, as appropriate:

- To the High-level Political Forum under the auspices of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council, as part of the regional contributions to the global follow-up and review process of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development,
- To the Economic and Social Council Forum on Financing for Development Follow-up, as part of the regional contributions to the global follow-up process of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda,
- To the United Nations Regional Coordination Mechanism;

11. *Highlights* the participatory and inclusive character of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, which encourages the participation of all relevant stakeholders, including civil society organizations, academia and the private sector, and in this regard encourages the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development to ensure institutionalized multi-stakeholder participation following the relevant provisions of the 2030 Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development, the Addis Ababa Action Agenda and the Economic and Social Council;

12. *Encourages* the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean to volunteer for national reviews, and the Forum to further develop modalities for hosting them in accordance with the related principles and guidelines provided by the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.