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REPORT OF THE PREPARATORY MEETING FOR THE SECOND MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE REGIONAL AGREEMENT ON ACCESS TO INFORMATION, PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND JUSTICE IN ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

(Virtual meeting, 6 March 2023)



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A. ATTENDANCE AND ORGANIZATION OF WORK

Place and date of the meeting

- 1. The preparatory meeting for the second meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Regional Agreement on Access to Information, Public Participation and Justice in Environmental Matters in Latin America and the Caribbean, to be held as an extraordinary meeting, took place in virtual format on 6 March 2023.
- 2. The meeting was organized by the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), in its capacity as secretariat of the Regional Agreement on Access to Information, Public Participation and Justice in Environmental Matters in Latin America and the Caribbean (Escazú Agreement).

Attendance¹

- 3. The meeting participants included representatives of the following States Parties to the Escazú Agreement: Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Chile, Ecuador, Guyana, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Plurinational State of Bolivia, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines and Uruguay.
- 4. Representatives from the following countries signatory to the Escazú Agreement also participated: Brazil, Colombia and Peru.
- 5. Also attending were those on the roster of candidates to the Committee to Support Implementation and Compliance, elected representatives of the public and members of the public.
- 6. The meeting was held via webcast.²

Chair

7. The meeting was chaired by Uruguay, the country serving as Chair of the Presiding Officers.

B. PURPOSE OF THE MEETING

8. The purpose of the meeting was to further discuss the items to be addressed at the second meeting of the Conference of the Parties, to be held as an extraordinary meeting, from 19 to 21 April 2023, in Buenos Aires.

See list of participants in annex 1.

² See the recording at [online] https://acuerdodeescazu.cepal.org/cop2.

C. AGENDA

- 9. The agenda of the meeting was as follows:
 - 1. Opening session.
 - 2. Presentation of the roster of candidates to the Committee to Support Implementation and Compliance.
 - 3. Dialogue with roster candidates.
 - 4. Organization of work for the second meeting of the Conference of the Parties.
 - 5. Other matters.
 - 6. Closing session.

D. SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS

- 10. During the opening session, statements were made by Marcelo Cousillas, Head of the Legal Department of the Ministry of the Environment of Uruguay, the country serving as Chair of the Presiding Officers; Cecilia Nicolini, Secretary of Climate Change, Sustainable Development and Innovation of Argentina, country serving as Vice-Chair of the Presiding Officers and host country of the second meeting of the Conference of the Parties; Irene Murillo, elected representative of the public; and Carlos de Miguel, Chief of the Policies for Sustainable Development Unit of the Sustainable Development and Human Settlements Division of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC).
- 11. The Head of the Legal Department of the Ministry of the Environment of Uruguay, in his capacity as representative of the Chair of the Presiding Officers, welcomed the participants and said that the purpose of the meeting was to further discuss the items to be addressed at the second meeting of the Conference of the Parties, whose main objective would be to elect the first members of the Committee to Support Implementation and Compliance of the Escazú Agreement. For that reason, the meeting would include a dialogue with the 10 people on the roster of candidates to the Committee, followed by a presentation on the organization of the work of the second meeting of the Conference of the Parties and discussion of other matters. On 4 March 2023, five years had passed since the adoption of the Escazú Agreement, which was a cause for celebration for the entire region.
- 12. The Secretary of Climate Change, Sustainable Development and Innovation of Argentina, in her capacity as representative of the Vice-Chair of the Presiding Officers, greeted the participants and recalled the commitment made by her country to host the second meeting of the Conference of the Parties, which would be held as an extraordinary meeting. She said that it was a very important time, given the climate crisis affecting the entire region, which called for implementation of effective environmental policies. The Escazú Agreement provided the tools for everyone to participate in environmental decision-making processes. Argentina had proposed that all the principles and rules of the Escazú Agreement be applied at all levels of government. Work was also underway on a national implementation plan for the Escazú Agreement based on a participatory assessment that encompassed the national and provincial levels, in an ongoing collaborative process. Her government had committed to improving environmental decision-making processes in its Fifth National Action Plan for Open Government. Lastly, she invited all the Parties and the public to move forward with implementation of the Agreement and to bring more countries into the process.

- 13. The elected representative of the public welcomed the participants and said that formation of the first Committee to Support Implementation and Compliance was crucial to implementation of the Escazú Agreement. An admirable effort had been made in preparing the roster of candidates to the Committee, whose role in the process was of great importance. She commended the expertise of the candidates and welcomed the opportunity to converse with all of them in order to reach better decisions at the second meeting of the Conference of the Parties. Noteworthy spaces of participation were available within the framework of the Agreement, to be able to make those important decisions.
- 14. The Chief of the Policies for Sustainable Development Unit of the Sustainable Development and Human Settlements Division of ECLAC noted that the Agreement had been adopted five years before and that much progress had been made during that time, such as the inclusion of new States Parties, the decisions agreed at the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties, held in 2022, the election of new Presiding Officers chaired by Uruguay, with Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Mexico and Saint Lucia as Vice-Chairs, the election of new representatives of the public, the organization of the First Annual Forum on Human Rights Defenders in Environmental Matters in Latin America and the Caribbean, and the formation of the ad hoc working group on that subject led by Chile, Ecuador and Saint Kitts and Nevis. The Observatory on Principle 10 in Latin America and the Caribbean had also been consolidated, and the regional public mechanism strengthened. Lastly, he expressed the secretariat's commitment to continue working on implementation of the Agreement.

<u>Presentation of the roster of candidates to the Committee to Support Implementation and Compliance</u> (agenda item 2)

- 15. Under this agenda item, the Chair of the Presiding Officers presented the roster of candidates to the Committee to Support Implementation and Compliance of the Escazú Agreement. To this end, he briefly recalled the nature and aims of the Committee and the rules applicable to it.
- 16. The Chair said that pursuant to Article 18.1 of the Agreement, the Committee to Support Implementation and Compliance was a subsidiary body of the Conference of the Parties established to promote implementation of the Agreement and to support the Parties in that regard. The rules relating to its structure and functions were agreed by the Conference of the Parties at its first meeting in decision I/3. Those rules stipulated that the Committee would be composed of seven members, who would serve in a personal capacity. The members of the Committee should be persons of high moral standing, with recognized competence in access rights or other matters of the Agreement. They should be nationals of or residents in the countries set out in annex 1 to the Agreement and be independent from the executive, legislative or judicial powers of such countries. Also pursuant to those rules, in the election of the members of the Committee, the following should be considered: equitable geographical distribution of membership, gender parity and legal knowledge and experience. No more than one Committee member may be of the same nationality.
- 17. Regarding the procedure for nominating candidates to the Committee, he mentioned what the rules stipulated: (i) any person meeting the criteria set out in the rules may nominate him or herself; (ii) the Presiding Officers had prepared a roster of 10 candidates, for consideration by the Conference of the Parties. The Presiding Officers had invited the elected representatives of the public to participate in a meeting and had consulted them regarding the roster, prior to preparing the roster for consideration by the Conference of the Parties; (iii) from the roster of candidates, the Conference of the Parties would elect the members of the Committee by consensus. If consensus could not be reached, the Conference of the Parties would elect such members by simple majority of the Parties present and voting, by secret ballot.

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- The Chair of the Presiding Officers reported that, in order to start the election process, the secretariat had published the call for nominations to the Committee on 15 September 2022, and that a period of three months had been given for that purpose (until 15 December 2022). A total of 49 nominations had been received from 15 countries of Latin America and the Caribbean. Of these, 48 were accepted and one was rejected, because it was received after the deadline. All nominations were published on 19 January 2023 on the Escazú Agreement web page. To facilitate the review of the accepted nominations and prepare the roster, the Presiding Officers had requested that the secretariat prepare a table with the following fields: name, nationality, country of residence, gender, age, compliance with the criterion of independence, experience in public bodies, current position, competence in access rights and matters of the Escazú Agreement, legal experience and expertise, academic qualifications, years of relevant experience, compliance with the criterion of moral standing, availability of time, languages, information regarding travel, requirements for assistance in the exercise of Committee functions and relevant publications. The Presiding Officers had reviewed the nominations and the table in detail, based on the criteria required by the rules relating to the structure and functions of the Committee: high moral standing, with recognized competence in access rights or other matters of the Agreement, nationals of or residents in the countries set out in annex I to the Agreement and independent from the executive, legislative or judicial powers of such countries. They also considered having legal experience and knowledge and years of relevant experience, among other criteria. Special consideration was likewise given to equitable geographical distribution and gender parity. Lastly, consideration was given to the limitation established in the rules relating the structure and functions of the Committee, whereby no more than one member of it could be of the same nationality.
- 19. The Chair also reported that the Presiding Officers had invited the elected representatives of the public to participate in a meeting and had consulted them regarding the roster, prior to preparing the roster for consideration by the Conference of the Parties.
- 20. The Chair mentioned that the roster of candidates to the Committee was available on the web page for the second meeting of the Conference of the Parties.³ The roster had been published eight weeks prior to the second meeting of the Conference of the Parties, as required by the rules of procedure, and had been distributed to the States Parties, elected representatives of the public and the regional public mechanism. The roster comprised five men and five women of 10 nationalities from the countries set out in annex 1 of the Agreement. There were three nominations from the subregion of Central America and Mexico, three from the English-speaking Caribbean and 4 from South America. The nominations corresponded to five States Parties and five non-States Parties. The numbering of the roster corresponded to the alphabetical order of the candidates' surnames. Annex 2 to the roster included a profile of each candidate.
- 21. The Chair then said that the roster of 10 candidates to the Committee to Support Implementation and Compliance was as follows: 1. Acuña, Guillermo Eduardo (Chile); 2. Blengio Valdés, Mariana (Uruguay); 3. Born, Rubens Harry (Brazil); 4. Carrillo Fuentes, Juan Carlos (Mexico); 5. Joseph-Olivetti, Rita Leonette (Grenada); 6. Madrigal Cordero, Patricia (Costa Rica); 7. Mitchell, Gavern Sherva (Trinidad and Tobago); 8. Napoli, Andrés María (Argentina); 9. Stephens, Carole Denise Angela (Jamaica); and 10. Wing Solís, Félix (Panama). Lastly, he welcomed all the candidates and thanked them for readily attending the meeting.

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³ See Roster of candidates to the Committee to Support Implementation and Compliance prepared by the Presiding Officers (LC/COP-EZ.2/DDR/1), 23 February 2023 [online] https://acuerdodeescazu. cepal.org/cop2/en/documents/roster-candidates-committee-support-implementation-and-compliance.

Dialogue with roster candidates (agenda item 3)

- 22. The Chair of the Presiding Officers then opened the floor for a dialogue with the candidates on the roster. He said that the candidates would have three minutes to introduce themselves and explain their reasons for running for positions and another seven minutes to defend their nominations, based on the following aspects: (i) how they believed that they met the requirements: moral standing; recognized competence in access rights; and independence from the executive, legislative and judicial powers of the countries in annex 1; and (ii) why they thought they should be elected by the Conference of the Parties as members of the Committee, considering matters such as what they believed their greatest contributions to the Committees' functions could be or how they would approach the Committee's work in the first term of office.
- 23. The statements were made in the same order as the roster (candidates' surnames in alphabetical order), with each candidate giving a presentation on the characteristics requested and the questions sent.
- 24. Guillermo Acuña (Chile) said that he had 34 years' experience in environmental and sustainable development affairs from a legal and institutional perspective, primarily as an ECLAC staff member, and that his experience would be at the Committee's disposal if he was elected. He had been a member of the team that had initially raised the possibility of working on application of Principle 10 of the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean, the result of which had been the Escazú Agreement. He had extensive knowledge of the negotiation, text and spirit of the Agreement, as well as of environmental legislation and institutions in the region, having closely supported countries in complying with international obligations. He also had extensive experience working for intergovernmental bodies (such as the General Assembly of the United Nations and ECLAC and its subsidiary bodies and intergovernmental meetings). In addition, he had provided training, legal opinions, technical assistance, research and publications on the subjects covered by the Agreement. He fully met all of the stipulated requirements and expressed his deep affection and appreciation for the process.
- 25. Mariana Blengio (Uruguay) referred to her long legal, professional and academic career, of more than 25 years. She said that she met the requirements to be a member of the Committee. One of her main reasons for applying had been her experience as a member of the National Human Rights Institution and Ombudsman's Office of her country, a position that was similar in nature and functions to that of a Committee member, as it was a non-jurisdictional protection body. She had a full and thorough knowledge of the Agreement. If elected, she would seek to add value to the Committee and cooperate with the States and the public, as in her previous position. She also had extensive academic and field work experience in human rights and environmental issues. Within the Ombudsman's Office of Uruguay, a working group had been created and the first report on the subject had been issued.
- 26. Rubens Born (Brazil) underscored his more than 45 years of involvement in environmental issues and said that perseverance had been a key part of his career. He had trained as a civil engineer, studied environmental engineering, public health and law, and had experience as an advisor in the Brazilian constitutional reform process, in relation to articles on the environment, Indigenous peoples and collective and different rights and interests. He had also worked in the private and public sectors. Since 1977, as part of civil society, he had been involved in defending the environment and human rights. He had experience in environmental agreements, multi-stakeholder forums and negotiation and dialogue processes. Participation and dialogue would be the main focus of his work on the Committee. His reason for applying related to the content and the process of drafting the Agreement, as well as the commitment to rights and the effectiveness of environmental policies.

- 27. Juan Carlos Carrillo (Mexico) outlined his legal training, his work in the Government of Mexico and his duties at Centro Mexicano de Derecho Ambiental (CEMDA), where he had worked for 23 years. In applying, he said he sought to contribute to consolidation of the Agreement in environmental law and in the framework of human rights, as a tool to make justice more accessible to people, particularly those in vulnerable situations. His thinking and actions were aligned, he had no conflicts of interest, and he was self-critical. He also respected diversity, listened to everyone's views and addressed multifactorial problems comprehensively. His key contributions included facilitating knowledge and the exercise of rights, with dialogue and innovative legal solutions. His priority would be to establish the basis and format of the Committee's work, preventive use of the Agreement and the strengthening of the role of human rights defenders. He would also promote alternative dispute resolution processes.
- 28. Rita Joseph-Olivetti (Grenada) summarized her career as a lawyer over more than 40 years and as a judge, prior to her retirement, of the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court and the Supreme Court of Belize. She was thus well acquainted with court procedures, as well as the difficulties people faced in accessing justice. She was a trained mediator and arbitrator. She was fully independent since 2018. As regarded ethics, she had been Chairperson of the General Legal Council of Grenada. Among her reasons for applying were the obstacles faced by individuals on environmental issues. At that time, she was providing legal assistance to citizen groups that sought access to information and participation in environmental matters. She was also interested in supporting Caribbean countries in meeting their environmental commitments. As a result of her years as a lawyer and a judge, she was familiar with the law and the practice of law. Her priorities would include dissemination and training regarding the Agreement.
- 29. Patricia Madrigal (Costa Rica) said she was a lawyer specializing in public international law, human rights and environmental law. Her area of expertise had been State affairs and the rule of law. She had extensive experience in training, analysis of regulatory frameworks and assessment of access rights. She was motivated to support the States in implementing and complying with the Agreement, according to technical and strategic guidelines that took into account the realities of the region. She also considered capacity-building and cooperation to be important, as well as progressive implementation of the Agreement. She had been part of the process since its inception, originally as a member of civil society, and had later leading her country's official delegation. Her priorities if elected would be to lay the groundwork for the functioning of the Committee, strengthen the relationship with the Conference of the Parties, the secretariat, States and the public, focusing on the requirements for accepting communications received by the Committee, support for article 9 of the Agreement, and individuals and groups in vulnerable situations. She also called for consideration of the Committee's financial needs, so that it could operate effectively.
- 30. Gavern Mitchell (Trinidad and Tobago) highlighted her work in implementation of various international agreements, policymaking and development of legal frameworks on environmental matters, including issues related to waste, climate change and access rights. In the Environmental Management Authority of her country, her responsibilities related to ensuring access to information. She was motivated by the opportunity to support countries in implementing and enforcing access rights and strengthening governments' efforts to build trust with the public. She considered herself a person with integrity and good moral standing. At that time, she was supporting work in the areas of transparency, anti-corruption, integrity and accountability. She also had experience in the field of rights of access to public participation and justice, in advising communities and organizations on participation issues and acting in environmental litigation, dispute resolution and mediation.
- 31. Andrés Napoli (Argentina), a lawyer with expertise in environmental law, said that he had been working on environmental issues for decades. He had primarily worked at Fundación Ambiente y Recursos Naturales (FARN). He was a person of action, who sought to protect rights, as reflected by his participation

in key environmental litigation in his country. He was a member of the global civil society network The Access Initiative (TAI) and had participated in the preparatory and negotiation stages of the Escazú Agreement, had acted as an elected representative of the public, and had supported the ratification process in Argentina. He had provided assistance to public entities, such as municipalities and the legislative branch. His priorities would be to bring more countries into the Agreement, support its implementation and work on its interpretation, as well as to laying the foundations for its operation, further disseminating it and raising awareness. It would also be important to design mechanisms for the protection of human rights defenders in environmental matters.

- 32. Carole Stephens (Jamaica) summarized her training and experience as an environmental lawyer and certified mediator, with a master's degree in environmental law. She said she had 20 years' experience as an advocate for environmental rights, implementing legislation and policies, and supporting vulnerable groups in Jamaica and other Caribbean countries. Much of her career had focused on working with governments and civil society. She had worked with the World Resources Institute on development of the Environmental Democracy Index and with the Government of Jamaica as Legal officer of the National Environment and Planning Agency. She firmly believed in democratic decision-making and the need to guarantee access rights. She had also had the privilege of supporting the process of negotiation and adoption of the Escazú Agreement. Her focus, if elected, would be to set the Committee's agenda and work schedule, prepare reports and support the Parties and the public.
- 33. Félix Wing (Panama) said that his association with the Escazú Agreement dated back to its beginnings in 2012, when 10 countries had signed the Declaration on the Application of Principle 10 of the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development, marking the start the process related to the Agreement in the region. Subsequently, he had been associated as Secretary-General and Vice-Minister of the Ministry of Environment of Panama, a country that had chaired one of the meetings of the Negotiating Committee. As a lawyer, with a Master of Laws degree, he had worked for the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), in the Government of Panama, and as an assistant judge of the Supreme Court of Justice of his country. He had also worked in academia as a lecturer in international law, human rights and environmental law. He had experience in training and continuing education for government and judicial officials, members of civil society and communities. He had defended environmental defenders and prepared specific reports on access to justice and environmental defenders. Among his priorities were progressive implementation of the Escazú Agreement and attention to vulnerable groups. His main contribution would be to build consensus and capacities, to nurture the letter and spirit of the Escazú Agreement.
- 34. After the presentations, the Chair of the Presiding Officers thanked all the candidates who had applied and said that it had been a very productive dialogue, which had allowed the Parties and all those present to familiarize themselves with each candidate, which would undoubtedly help in the discussions to elect the seven candidates who would be members of the Committee at the second meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

Organization of work for the second meeting of the Conference of the Parties and other matters (agenda items 4 and 5)

35. Under this agenda item, the Chair of the Presiding Officers referred to the organization of work for the second meeting of the Conference of the Parties, first mentioning the provisional agenda,⁴ which was available on the meeting's web page.

⁴ LC/COP-EZ.2/1.

- 36. He then explained that the main purpose of the second meeting was to elect the seven members of the Committee to Support Implementation and Compliance, and that the procedure for this, as established in the rules, was that, from the roster, the Conference of the Parties would elect the persons to serve on the Committee by consensus. If consensus could not be reached, the Conference of the Parties would elect such members by simple majority of the Parties present and voting, by secret ballot. Once the Conference of the Parties had elected the seven members, the Chair of the Conference of the Parties would choose by lot the three members whose term of office would be six years. The result of the election and of the drawing of lots would be recorded in a decision to be agreed by the Conference of the Parties.
- 37. The Chair further explained that the 10 candidates on the roster would give video presentations to be shown at the second meeting of the Conference of the Parties and that, although they were not expected to participate in person in the official segments of that meeting, they were expected to be available online, if required.
- 38. Lastly, he said that the meeting would be held in person, without means for remote participation, but that it would be streamed live.
- 39. The Secretary of Climate Change, Sustainable Development and Innovation of Argentina, the host country of the second meeting of the Conference of the Parties, then explained some logistical and organizational aspects of the meeting. First, she said that invitations had been sent to all Parties and countries in annex 1 to the Agreement and encouraged all countries to participate. A high-level opening ceremony would be held on 19 April at the Kirchner Cultural Centre, with a cultural event. The following days of the meeting, 20 and 21 April, would be held at Hotel Libertador. She also mentioned that there would be a meeting room available for civil society, which would be managed by representatives of the public.
- 40. Regarding the topics to be addressed at the meeting, the Secretary of Climate Change, Sustainable Development and Innovation of Argentina highlighted the importance of the election process for the first members of the Committee to Support Implementation and Compliance, the regional dialogue to build national capacities, and the special session on follow-up to decision I/6 of the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties on human rights defenders in environmental matters.
- 41. Lastly, the secretariat referred to the organization of the various days and sessions of the second meeting of the Conference of the Parties and shared other information of interest. Regarding the organization of work, she said that on Wednesday, 19 April, the meeting would be held between the Presiding Officers and representatives of the public, as well as the meeting of Heads of Delegation of the States Parties. Badges would be available to collect from Hotel Libertador from the 19 April onward. The official opening session and adoption of the agenda for the meeting would take place on Thursday, 20 April, followed by discussions to elect the members of the Committee to Support Implementation and Compliance. In addition, there would be discussion of matters outside the official agenda and special sessions would be held for that purpose. The first special session would take place on the same day, Thursday, 20 April, and would deal with comparative experiences of implementation and compliance support bodies. In the afternoon, a regional dialogue would be held on strengthening capacities for national implementation. On Friday, 21 April, there would be another special session, to follow up on decision I/6 of the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties and particularly to report on the outcomes of the First Annual Forum on Human Rights Defenders in Environmental Matters in Latin America and the Caribbean and on the progress made by the ad hoc working group to prepare the related action plan.
- 42. The secretariat also indicated that the deadline to apply for online side events was 16 March and that all the information on the call for applications was posted on the web page of the second meeting of the

Conference of the Parties.⁵ The same web page was also to be used to register to attend the meeting. He called for correct registration in each of the available categories: (i) government delegations; (ii) United Nations system and intergovernmental bodies; and (iii) the public. Regarding the Parties, he stressed that it was very important that they send their credentials before 6 April. In closing, he said that all the documents of the meeting would be posted on the same web page.

- 43. The representative of Mexico inquired about the number of seats available for each delegation, to which the secretariat answered that there was generally one seat at the table, with more seats behind it for other delegation members.
- 44. A representative of the public asked about the report of the First Annual Forum on Human Rights Defenders in Environmental Matters in Latin America and the Caribbean, and the proposed annotated contents of the plan of action on human rights defenders in environmental matters. The secretariat reported that they were being finalized and would be duly published, and that progress was also being made in the organization of the Second Annual Forum, scheduled for September 2023.

Closing session (agenda item 6)

- 45. To close the meeting, the Chair invited Mijael Kaufman, the elected representative of the public, to address the participants.
- 46. The elected representative of the public highlighted the high level of public participation in the meeting, encouraged greater participation in the second meeting of the Conference of the Parties and called on the Parties to support and facilitate this. He said that it was important to take into account the opinion of the public at the meeting and stressed the importance of making progress on preparation of the action plan on human rights defenders in environmental matters. Lastly, he called for constructive work and large steps forward at the second meeting of the Conference of the Parties.
- 47. In closing the meeting, the Chair thanked all the candidates to the Committee to Support Implementation and Compliance for participating. He again expressed his appreciation to Argentina for its commitment and the work it was carrying out to make the second meeting of the Conference of the Parties a success, and thanked the public for its valuable participation, the secretariat for its work and the technical team that had made the meeting possible.

⁵ See [online] https://acuerdodeescazu.cepal.org/cop2/en.

Annex 1

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