**DECISION 10¹**

**SUSTAINABLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION**

**Considering** that the World Summit on Sustainable Development that took place in Johannesburg called for the promotion of a 10-year framework of programs to support national and regional initiatives in order to accelerate the transition toward sustainable consumption and production patterns;

**Bearing in mind** that the Marrakech Process is a global process to support the implementation of concrete projects on SCP and the elaboration of a 10-year framework of programmes on SCP which will be presented to the Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD) during its 2010-2011 cycle;

**Considering that** in the Latin American and Caribbean Initiative for Sustainable Development (ILAC), presented at the World Summit on Sustainable Development, the Latin American and Caribbean countries expressed the need to incorporate the concepts of cleaner production in industry and, at the same time, to work toward sustainable consumption;

**Bearing in mind** the results of the meetings of Experts on Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP) in Latin America and the Caribbean, as well as the existence of the Regional Council of Governmental Experts on Sustainable Consumption and Production; and the previous decisions approved by the Forum of Ministers in Panama (2003) and Venezuela (2005) ratifying their agreement on implementation of the Regional SCP Strategy;

**In view of** the Marrakech Process has had an important achievement in the development and implementation of national and sub-regional policies and projects on SCP;

**Considering** the valuable contributions made by sub-regional organizations, NGOs, the network of national cleaner production centres, scientific and technical communities, trade unions, and business and industry during the Fourth Regional Meeting of Experts on SCP.

**DECIDE:**

1. **To approve** the Action Plan on SCP(2), prepared according to the needs and priorities of each sub-region, taking into account the ILAC, the prior decisions made by the Forum of Ministers on this subject, the Regional Strategy of SCP, the pre-existing plans in the sub-regions, and the contributions made by the major groups (business and industry, NGOs, trade unions, scientific and technical communities, youth, and local authorities, among others).

2. **To ratify and provide support** for the implementation of the priority areas of SCP those are common to all sub-regions, taking into consideration the themes identified in the Final Report of the Fourth Meeting of Experts on Sustainable Production and Consumption of Latin America and the Caribbean (Sao Paulo, Brazil; 18th and 19th October 2007) including inter alia:

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a) National Dialogues to be open and participative to all sectors of society and other processes
b) Small and medium size enterprises
c) Sustainable public procurement;
d) National policies and action plans on SCP;
e) Regional information networks on SCP.

3. **To take** the necessary actions to guarantee the fulfilment of the Regional Action Plan on SCP related to the mobilization and allocation of funds for national and regional activities.

4. **To promote** the strengthening of institutions responsible for SCP in each country and to maintain the active participation of these institutions in the regional activities related to SCP.

5. **To promote** the mainstreaming of SCP in other areas of economic and social development of the countries of the Region.

6. **To request support** from development cooperation agencies as well as subregional organizations in order to secure additional funding to increase SCP activities in the Region.

7. **To include** the topic of the Marrakech Process and Chapter III of the Implementation Plan of Johannesburg in the agenda for the next meeting of the Forum of Ministers of the Environment. The 10-year framework of programmes on sustainable consumption and production should be reviewed and approved, so that it can be submitted to the United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development in 2010-2011.