DECISION 12

“SUSTAINABLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION”
PROPOSED BY THE DELегATIONS FROM ARGENTINA, MEXICO, NICARAGUA, SAINT LUCIA, AND VENEZUELA

Considering that the World Summit on Sustainable Development at Johannesburg established as one of the objectives of its Plan of Implementation the promotion of a number 10 year programmes in support of national and regional initiatives to accelerate the change towards sustainable patterns of consumption and productions,

Taking into account that the countries of the Latin American and Caribbean region expressed in the Latin American and Caribbean Initiative for Sustainable Development presented and approved at the aforementioned Summit, the need to incorporate clean production concepts at the industries and to work in favour of sustainable consumption,

Taking into account that the results of the First and Second Meeting of Latin American and Caribbean Governmental Experts on Sustainable Consumption and Production held in Buenos Aires, Argentina, and in Managua, Nicaragua, respectively, include: the proposal for the creation of the Regional Council of Governmental Experts in Sustainable Consumption and Production and a Contribution for the Construction of a Regional Platform on Sustainable Consumption and Production.

Considering that the results of the First Meeting were recognized as exemplary actions at the Eleventh Meeting of the Commission on Sustainable Development (New York, May 2003) and at the International Meeting on 10-Year Programmes for Sustainable Consumption and Production (Marrakech, June 2003),

DECIDE:

1. To promote the Regional Strategy on Sustainable Consumption and Production proposed at the Second Meeting of Latin American and Caribbean Governmental Experts on Sustainable Consumption and Production.

2. To establish a Regional Council of Governmental Experts in Sustainable Consumption and Production and to raise the financial resources required for its operation.

3. To carry out and inventory of the major activities on sustainable production and consumption in each country of the region and analyze these activities with a view to identifying best practices and lessons learnt and share them within the region.

4. To promote the strengthening of institutional capabilities of governments by means of the continue exchange of information, among institutions from different sectors as well as to carry out workshops, training, and technical assistance.

5. To promote the production and financial sectors by means of capacity building for workshops, trainings, information and technical assistance.

6. Carrying out campaigns to increase awareness and knowledge of sustainable production and consumption at all levels of society.

7. Implementing pilot projects on sustainable production and consumption for industry and service sectors taking into account the wide variety of such sectors in the region.

8. Promoting the supply and demand of sustainable products and services.
9. **Creating** opportunities for dialogue between the various national and sub-regional initiatives on sustainable production and consumption.