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**Launching of joint ECLAC/OHCHR book:  
“Climate change and human rights: contributions by and for  
Latin America and the Caribbean”**

**Monday, 9 December 2019 (9:30-10:00 am)**

**Venue:**

UNFCCC COP25 Venue, IFEMA, Blue Zone, Euroclima+ Pavilion (Hall 8)

**Organizers:**

Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) and Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), with support from the European Union.

**Background:**

Climate change represents the foremost threat to the full exercise of human rights. In accordance with international human rights standards, climate action must be guided by and ensure the respect for and the protection and fulfilment of the human rights of all persons, particularly the most vulnerable. The countries of Latin America and the Caribbean have spearheaded efforts in mainstreaming a human rights-based approach into climate action, be it at the international, regional or national levels. Such developments have been summarized in a joint publication by ECLAC and OHCHR, with support from the European Union through the Euroclima+ programme.

**Objective:**

The session will introduce the findings of the joint ECLAC/OHCHR study on human rights and climate change in Latin America and the Caribbean. The book, which contains a joint foreword by Ms. Alicia Bárcena, ECLAC Executive Secretary, and Ms. Michelle Bachelet, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, presents an overview of the main human rights standards applicable to climate change and the developments experienced in the region in this regard. The event will particularly highlight the Escazú Agreement as the first regional environmental treaty of Latin America and the Caribbean.

**Presenters:**

Executive Secretary of ECLAC  
UN High Commissioner for Human Rights  
Ministers of Latin America and the Caribbean  
Representative of the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States  
Representative of the European Union

**English/Spanish/French interpretation will be provided. The event will be cast live.**

**A reception will be offered by the European Union immediately after the event.**

**Preliminary agenda:**

Moderator: Joseluis Samaniego, Director, Sustainable Development and Human Settlements, ECLAC		
9.30-9.35	Presentation of the book	Ms. Alicia Bárcena, ECLAC Executive Secretary (video)
9.35-9.40	International human rights standards applicable to climate change	Ms. Michelle Bachelet, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights
9.40-9.55	Comments to the book and national and subregional developments	H.E. Milciades Concepción, Minister of the Environment of Panama  H.E. Joseph Jouthe, Minister of Environment of Haiti  Ms. Lorena Aguilar Revelo, Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs of Costa Rica  Mr. Chamberlain Emmanuel, Head, Environmental Sustainability Cluster, Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States
9.55-10.00	Closing remarks	Representative of the European Union