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First meeting of the focal points appointed by the Governments of the signatory countries of the Declaration on the application of Principle 10 of the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean

Santiago, 6-7 November 2012

### **PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME**

#### **Tuesday, 6 November**

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| 8.30 – 9 a.m.       | Registration   |
| 8.30 – 9 a.m.       | Meeting of the focal points appointed by the Governments of the signatory countries of the Declaration on the application of Principle 10 of the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development  |
|                     | Election of officers   |
|                     | Adoption of the agenda   |
| 9 a.m. – 9.30 a.m.  | Opening ceremony   |
|                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Joseluis Samaniego, Chief of the Sustainable Development and Human Settlements Division of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)</li><li>• Fernando Schmidt, Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs of Chile</li><li>• Ricardo Irrarrázabal, Vice Minister of the Environment of Chile</li><li>• Andrea Sanhueza, The Access Initiative Latin America and the Caribbean</li></ul> |
| 9 a.m. – 11.00 a.m. | Session 1: Principle 10 of the Rio Declaration of 1992: international context and regional analysis  |
|                     | Presentation of the preliminary document   |
|                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Joseluis Samaniego, Chief of the Sustainable Development and Human Settlements Division of ECLAC</li></ul>   |

	Statements by the focal points of the signatory countries of the Declaration
	Other statements
11.00– 11.30 a.m.	Coffee break
11.30 a.m. – 12.15 p.m.	Principle 10 of the Rio Declaration of 1992: the perspective of civil society
	Statements
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tomás Severino, Ecological Culture Director, A.I.- The Access Initiative Mexico</li><li>• Carole Excell, Senior Associate, The Access Initiative, World Resources Institute (WRI)</li></ul>
	Statements by the focal points of the signatory countries of the Declaration
	Other statements
12.15 – 1 p.m.	Session 2: Experiences of national implementation outside the region
	Presentation on the Bali guiding principles on the development of national legislation on access to information, public participation and access to justice in environmental matters, by Alexander Juras, Chief of the Major Groups and Stakeholders Branch, Division of Regional Cooperation, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
	Statements by the focal points of the signatory countries of the Declaration
	Other statements
1 p.m. – 2.30 p.m.	Lunch
2.30 – 4 p.m.	Experience with the Aarhus Convention (1998)
	Presentations
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Jeremy Wates, first Secretary to the Aarhus Convention and Secretary General of the European Environmental Bureau</li><li>• Marc Giacomini, Ambassador of France in Chile and Former Head of International Affairs Service of the Ministry of Environment of France</li><li>• Fiona Marshall, Environmental Affairs Officer of the Aarhus Convention Secretariat, Economic Commission for Europe (ECE)</li></ul>
	Statements by the focal points of the signatory countries of the Declaration
	Other statements

4 – 4.30 p.m.	Coffee break
4.30 – 6.15 p.m.	Discussion: Towards a regional instrument
	Statements by the focal points of the signatory countries of the Declaration:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chile</li> <li>• Costa Rica</li> <li>• Dominican Republic</li> <li>• Ecuador</li> <li>• Jamaica</li> <li>• Mexico</li> <li>• Panama</li> <li>• Paraguay</li> <li>• Peru</li> <li>• Uruguay</li> </ul>
	Statements by civil society experts
	Other statements
6.15 – 6.30 p.m.	Summary of the day (rapporteur) and close
6.30 p.m.	Reception
<b>Wednesday, 7 November</b>	
10:30 – 11.00 a.m.	Coffee break
11.00 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Plenary session: Presentation of the proposed road map
	Open discussion: signatory countries, observer countries, international and civil society experts
1 – 2.30 p.m.	Lunch
2.30 – 4 p.m.	Adoption of agreements
4 – 4.30 p.m.	Coffee break
4.30 – 5 p.m.	Closing ceremony

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