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RESOLUTIONS

At its thirtieth session, the Committee of the Whole of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean adopted the following resolutions:

692(PLEN.30) ADMISSION OF THE KINGDOM OF NORWAY AS A MEMBER OF THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

The Committee of the Whole of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,

Bearing in mind that the Commission was set up by virtue of Economic and Social Council resolution 106(VI) of 25 February 1948, which states that membership of the Commission shall be open to Members of the United Nations in North, Central and South America and in the Caribbean area, and to France, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom,

Bearing in mind also that the Commission was set up on the basis of the participation of all the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean, plus those which have had special relations of a historical, cultural, geographical or economic nature with the region,

Recalling that, in this spirit, the Commission subsequently admitted Spain in 1979, Portugal in 1984, Italy in 1990, Germany in 2005, Japan in 2006 and the Republic of Korea in 2007,

Considering that the Government of the Kingdom of Norway has communicated to the Commission, through the Executive Secretary, its desire that this country be admitted to membership of the Commission,¹

Taking into account the contributions that Norwegian cooperation agencies are making to the development of Latin America and the Caribbean, through the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,

1. *Welcomes with satisfaction* the request of the Kingdom of Norway for admission as a member of the Commission;
2. *Recommends* to the Economic and Social Council that it approve the admission of the Kingdom of Norway as a member of the Commission and to this effect authorizes the amendment of paragraph 3 (a) of the terms of reference of the Commission by the insertion of the word “Norway” after the words “the Netherlands”.

¹ See Note by the secretariat (LC/L.3971/Rev.1), Santiago, Chile, March 2015.

**693(PLEN.30) APPLICATION OF PRINCIPLE 10 OF THE RIO DECLARATION
ON ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT IN LATIN AMERICA
AND THE CARIBBEAN**

The Committee of the Whole of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,

Recalling the Declaration on the application of Principle 10 of the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development,¹ endorsed by 10 governments from Latin America and the Caribbean at the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from 20 to 22 June 2012, in which they reaffirmed their commitment to the rights of access to information, participation and justice regarding environmental issues, declared their willingness to work towards a regional instrument promoting the full application of those rights and requested the support of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean as the technical secretariat,

Recalling also resolution 686(XXXV), adopted by the Commission at its thirty-fifth session, held in 2014, in which the Commission took note of the agreements adopted at the meetings of the focal points, which are reflected in the respective reports:² the road map for the creation of an instrument on Principle 10 in Latin America and the Caribbean, the Plan of Action to 2014 for the implementation of the Declaration on the application of Principle 10 of the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean, the Lima Vision for a regional instrument on access rights relating to the environment, and the priority lines of action for capacity-building and cooperation,

Considering that the fourth meeting of the focal points appointed by the signatory countries of the Declaration on the application of Principle 10 of the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development was held in November 2014,

1. *Takes note* of the Santiago Decision contained in the report of the fourth meeting of the focal points appointed by 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.³

¹ A/CONF.216.13.

² See Report of the 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 (LC/L.3565), Report of the second 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 (LC/L.3677) and Report of the third 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 (LC/L.3780).

³ LC/L.3970.

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The Committee of the Whole of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,

Having examined the draft resolution entitled “Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development”, contained in the annex to this resolution,

1. *Decides* to convene an extraordinary session of the Committee of the Whole, to be held at the headquarters of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean in Santiago on 16 April 2015, in order to consider further the draft resolution on the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development;
2. *Requests* the secretariat to include with the letter convening the extraordinary session any information that might facilitate the consideration of this draft resolution;
3. *Decides* to continue holding informal consultations with representatives of the member States of the Commission at United Nations Headquarters in New York.

Annex

**FORUM OF THE COUNTRIES OF LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN
ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

**(Draft resolution sponsored by Peru, in its capacity as Chair
of the Committee of the Whole)**

The Committee of the Whole of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,

Taking note of the outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, entitled “The future we want”, which acknowledges the importance of the regional dimension of sustainable development and the ability of regional frameworks to complement and facilitate effective translation of sustainable development policies into concrete action at the national level,¹ and emphasizes that regional and subregional organizations, including the United Nations regional commissions and their subregional offices, have a significant role to play in promoting a balanced integration of the economic, social and environmental dimensions of sustainable development in their respective regions,²

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 61/16 and 68/1, which urge the United Nations regional commissions to contribute, within their mandates, to the review of progress made in the implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits, and resolution 66/288 in which countries agreed to strengthen the Economic and Social Council as a principal organ in

¹ General Assembly resolution 66/288, annex, para. 97.

² *Idem*, para. 100.

the integrated and coordinated follow-up of the outcomes of all major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social, environmental and related fields,³

Referring to General Assembly resolutions 67/290 and 69/214, which acknowledge the importance of the regional dimension and invite the United Nations regional commissions to contribute to the work of the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development, including through regional annual meetings, with the involvement of other regional entities, major groups and other relevant stakeholders, as appropriate,⁴

Bearing in mind that the follow-up and review of the post-2015 development agenda, as well as achieving a balanced integration of the different dimensions of sustainable development, are essential tasks for the countries of the region,

1. *Decides* to establish the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development;
2. *Also decides* that, at its first meeting to be held in 2016, the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development will define its functions with respect to monitoring progress on the implementation of the post-2015 development agenda and will establish its working modalities and methods for the delivery of its functions in line with the outcome of the intergovernmental process on the post-2015 development agenda;
3. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to report on the fulfilment of this resolution to the Commission at its thirty-sixth session.

³ General Assembly resolution 61/16, para. 9, and General Assembly resolution 66/288, para. 83.

⁴ General Assembly resolution 67/290, para. 13; General Assembly resolution 69/214, para. 9.