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STATEMENT BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

The Public present at the Negotiation Meeting for a Regional Agreement on Principle 10, hereby issue a statement on the formation of the facilitation and follow-up committee.

We hope that the other countries of Latin America and the Caribbean will support this measure that ensures the full implementation of the Agreement that guarantees our rights to information, citizen participation and environmental justice.



Members of the Public

- We consider that the existence of an autonomous body that would provide recommendations to the countries, as mentioned by Chile, is important and essential for the implementation of the Agreement.
- The formation of this body is crucial as it will allow the preparation of the countries' work for the implementation of the Agreements, as mentioned by the invited experts.
- We are sure that, without a body of this nature, the cooperation between states and the implementation of this agreement will be seriously undermined. This body will ensure this agreement is not just symbolic but will effect real change in the region. Change that is desperately needed.
- The facilitation committee is a key element to show the seriousness and commitment of the countries to environmental democracy.

We welcome the contribution of Chile, Costa Rica, Peru, Paraguay, Jamaica, Trinidad and Tobago, Brazil, Argentina and Saint Lucia to support the creation of this committee.