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REGIONAL AGREEMENT ON ACCESS TO INFORMATION, PUBLIC
PARTICIPATION AND JUSTICE IN ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS IN LATIN
AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

ESCAZÚ, 4 MARCH 2018

OPENING FOR SIGNATURE

The Secretary-General of the United Nations, acting in his capacity as depositary, communicates the following:

The above Agreement was adopted on 4 March 2018 at the ninth meeting of the negotiating committee of the regional agreement on access to information, participation and justice in environmental matters in Latin America and the Caribbean held in Escazú, Costa Rica, from 28 February to 4 March 2018.

In accordance with its article 21 (1), the Agreement shall be open for signature at United Nations Headquarters in New York from 27 September 2018 to 26 September 2020 by any of the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean included in annex 1 of the Agreement.

The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to recall that, under established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign treaties on behalf of States without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign the Agreement must be in possession of appropriate full powers emanating from one of these authorities.

The Secretary-General would be obliged if States wishing to sign the Agreement could, as necessary, provide the required full powers in advance to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, at the United Nations Headquarters in New York, facsimile: (212) 963-3693.

For more information on full powers, please refer to the *Treaty Handbook* on the United Nations Treaty Collection website, which can be accessed at the following address: https://treaties.un.org/Pages/Resource.aspx?path=Publication/TH/Page1_en.xml.

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