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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

## CHILE: ACCESSION

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

The above action was effected on 13 June 2022, with:

## Interpretative declarations (Translation) (Original: Spanish)

1. The Republic of Chile declares that, in accordance with article 4, paragraph 3, the requirements set out in the Agreement are addressed, to a significant degree, in Chilean law, in particular in Law No. 19.300 on the general environmental framework; Law No. 20.500 on associations and community participation in public administration; Law No. 20.285 on access to public information; and Law No. 20.600 establishing environmental courts, among others.

2. The Republic of Chile declares that article 11, paragraph 2, shall be understood as referring to cooperation within the ambit of the Agreement for the purposes of implementing it in the countries in question.

3. The Republic of Chile declares that it shall, in line with article 13, to the extent of its ability and in accordance with its national priorities, carry out the national activities that are needed to fulfil the obligations derived from the Agreement, in particular in relation to articles 5, 6, 7 and 8, using whichever means it deems appropriate.

4. The Republic of Chile declares that, unless and until it declares otherwise in writing, it does not accept as compulsory the means of dispute settlement indicated in article 19, paragraph 2, for a dispute not resolved in accordance with paragraph 1 of that article.

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The Agreement shall enter into force for Chile on 11 September 2022 in accordance with its article 22 (2) which reads as follows:

"For each State that ratifies, accepts or approves the present Agreement or accedes thereto after the deposit of the eleventh instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession, the present Agreement shall enter into effect on the ninetieth day after the date of deposit by such State of its instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession."

20 June 2022