

The Ministers and Representatives of countries participating in the VII Ministerial meeting on the Environment in Latin America and the Caribbean held in Port-of-Spain, 22-23 October, 1990, decided to conclude their deliberations with

A CALL TO ACTION

1 The VII Ministerial Meeting reaffirms the Declaration of Brasilia and reiterates the conviction that an adequate response to environmental challenges requires an unprecedented level of cooperation among countries and between regions of the world. Towards this end, and in the context of the Declaration of Brasilia, the countries participating in this Meeting approved an Action Plan for The Environment in Latin America and the Caribbean.

2 The Plan contains programmes aimed at arresting deterioration in the physical environment, recovering and rehabilitating natural resources. It is also a framework for discharging regional obligations, as part of global resolve and effort, to stabilize the ecological systems of Planet Earth and to minimize the disequilibria caused by the manner in which humanity discharges its responsibility with respect to the Earth's resources, which it holds in trust.

3 The Meeting considered that, given the complex inter-relationship between society and nature and the inseparable linkage between environment and development, the tasks and their respective objectives can only be undertaken and achieved through enlightened attitudes and dedicated efforts on the part of all sectors within any community.