

Meeting of the Parties to the Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters

6. Promotion of the Convention and relevant developments and interlinkages

(c) Global and regional developments on issues related to Principle 10 of the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development

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Thank you very much for the opportunity to address to you. I would like to express my appreciation to REC and EEB for giving the Latin America and Caribbean Region such an important support on our regional process towards the adoption of an instrument for the implementation on Principle 10. Costa Rica is committed to this process and we strongly support that our region adopts a legally binding convention. We believe that the full implementation of access rights will strengthen democracy and promote human rights.

It has been a great opportunity to participate on this Meeting of Parties and learn more from The Aarhus Convention. This experience will truly enrich our own process in Latin America and the Caribbean. I take this opportunity to invite you all to join us tomorrow at our side event, where we will be explaining our process with more detail, and hopefully add more partners to it. Thank you.