

SPECIAL DECLARATION HARMONY WITH NATURE

The Heads of State and Government of Latin America and the Caribbean, on the occasion of the VII Summit of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC), held on January 24, 2023, in Buenos Aires, Republic of Argentina;

Recognizing that planet Earth and its ecosystems are our common home and that “Mother Earth” is the source of all life and sustenance; It is a common expression in various countries and regions, which reflects the interdependence that exists between human beings, other species of living beings and the planet on which we all live;

Recalling Resolution A/RES/77/169 of the United Nations General Assembly of December 14, 2022, on Harmony with Nature, which resolves to debate during the 77th session of the General Assembly, on the occasion of International Mother's Day Earth on April 22, 2023, the possibility of convening and discussing the scope of a high-level meeting tentatively called the “Earth Assembly,” to be held on April 22, 2024;

Welcoming the adoption of the Post-2020 Global Framework for Biological Diversity at the 15th Conference of the Parties (COP 15) of the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), held in Montreal, Canada, from 07 to 20 December 2022.

1. **Note with appreciation** the proposal to establish a "Group of Friends of Harmony with Nature", maintaining the objectives described in resolution A/RES/77/169, in order to make innovative, transformative and action-oriented proposals for respond to present and future challenges, and highlighting the importance of safeguarding biodiversity and guaranteeing the integrity of all ecosystems and their sustainable use, in order to advance inclusive and transparent multilateral dialogue, noting that some countries recognize the rights of nature or Mother Earth, and are discussing the possibility of considering a universal declaration based on their perspectives regarding legislation, policies and education.

Buenos Aires, Argentina, January 24, 2023