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Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns.

Indicators

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4.2.a Each of these Parties shall adopt national policies and take corresponding measures on the mitigation of climate change, by limiting its anthropogenic emissions of greenhouse gases and protecting and enhancing its greenhouse gas sinks and reservoirs. These policies and measures will demonstrate that developed countries are taking the lead in modifying longer-term trends in anthropogenic emissions consistent with the objective of the Convention, recognizing that the return by the end of the present decade to earlier levels of anthropogenic emissions of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases not controlled by the Montreal Protocol would contribute to such modification, and taking into account the differences in these Parties’ starting points and approaches, economic structures and resource bases, the need to maintain strong and sustainable economic growth, available technologies and other individual circumstances, as well as the need for equitable and appropriate contributions by each of these Parties to the global effort regarding that objective. These Parties may implement such policies and measures jointly with other Parties and may assist other Parties in contributing to the achievement of the objective of the Convention and, in particular, that of this subparagraph;

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**Indicators**

- **12.2.1** Material footprint, material footprint per capita and material footprint per GDP
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<td>Each Party shall facilitate access to environmental information for persons or groups in vulnerable situations, establishing procedures for the provision of assistance, from the formulation of requests through to the delivery of the information, taking into account their conditions and specificities, for the purpose of promoting access and participation under equal conditions.</td>
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6.3.h information on environmental impact assessment processes and on other environmental management instruments, where applicable, and environmental licences or permits granted by the public authorities;

6.3.i an estimated list of waste by type and, when possible, by volume, location and year; and

6.3.j information on the imposition of administrative sanctions in environmental matters.

6.3.z Each Party shall guarantee that environmental information systems are duly organized, accessible to all persons and made progressively available through information technology and georeferenced media, where appropriate.

6.4 Each Party shall take steps to establish a pollutant release and transfer register covering air, water, soil and subsoil pollutants, as well as materials and waste in its jurisdiction. This register will be established progressively and updated periodically.

6.5 Each Party shall guarantee that in the case of an imminent threat to public health or the environment, the relevant competent authority shall immediately disclose and disseminate through the most effective means all pertinent information in its possession that could help the public take measures to prevent or limit potential damage. Each Party shall develop and implement an early warning system using available mechanisms.

6.6 In order to facilitate access by persons or groups in vulnerable situations to information that particularly affects them, each Party shall endeavour, where applicable, to ensure that the competent authorities disseminate environmental information in the various languages used in the country, and prepare alternative formats that are comprehensible to those groups, using suitable channels of communication.

6.7 Each Party shall use its best endeavours to publish and disseminate at regular intervals, not exceeding five years, a national report on the state of the environment, which may contain:

6.7.a information on the state of the environment and natural resources, including quantitative data, where possible;

6.7.z Such reports shall be drafted in an easily comprehensible manner and accessible to the public in different formats and disseminated through appropriate means, taking into account cultural realities. Each Party may invite the public to make contributions to these reports.

6.8 Each Party shall encourage independent environmental performance reviews that take into account nationally or internationally agreed criteria and guides and common indicators, with a view to evaluating the efficacy, effectiveness and progress of its national environmental policies in fulfilment of their national and international commitments. The reviews shall include participation by the various stakeholders.

7.2 Each Party shall guarantee mechanisms for the participation of the public in decision-making processes, revisions, re-examinations or updates with respect to projects and activities, and in other processes for granting environmental permits that have or may have a significant impact on the environment, including when they may affect health.

7.3 Each Party shall promote the participation of the public in decision-making processes, revisions, re-examinations or updates other than those referred to in paragraph 2 of the present article with respect to environmental matters of public interest, such as land-use planning, policies, strategies, plans, programmes, rules and regulations, which have or may have a significant impact on the environment.

7.4 Each Party shall adopt measures to ensure that the public can participate in the decision-making process from the early stages, so that due consideration can be given to the observations of the public, thus contributing to the process. To that effect, each Party shall provide the public with the necessary information in a clear, timely and comprehensive manner, to give effect to its right to participate in the decision-making process.

7.5 The public participation procedure will provide for reasonable timeframes that allow sufficient time to inform the public and for its effective participation.
The public's right to participate in environmental decision-making processes shall include the opportunity to present observations through appropriate means available, according to the circumstances of the process. Before adopting the decision, the relevant public authority shall give due consideration to the outcome of the participation process.

The dissemination of the decisions resulting from environmental impact assessments and other environmental decision-making processes in which the public has participated shall be carried out through appropriate means, which may include written, electronic or oral means and customary methods, in an effective and prompt manner. The information disseminated shall include the established procedure to allow the public to take the relevant administrative and judicial actions.

Each Party shall promote, where appropriate and in accordance with domestic legislation, public participation in international forums and negotiations on environmental matters or with an environmental impact, in accordance with the procedural rules on participation of each forum. The participation of the public at the national level on matters of international environmental forums shall also be promoted, where appropriate.

With respect to the environmental decision-making processes referred to in paragraph 2 of the present article, as a minimum, the following information shall be made public:

- a description of the area of influence and physical and technical characteristics of the proposed project or activity;
- a description of the main environmental impacts of the project or activity and, as appropriate, the cumulative environmental impact;
- a description of the measures foreseen with respect to those impacts;
- a summary of (a), (b) and (c) of the present paragraph in comprehensible, non-technical language;
- the public reports and opinions of the involved entities addressed to the public authority related to the project or activity under consideration;
- a description of the available technologies to be used and alternative locations for executing the project or activity subject to assessment, when the information is available; and
- actions taken to monitor the implementation and results of environmental impact assessment measures.

The aforementioned information shall be made available free of charge to the public in accordance with paragraph 17 of article 5 of the present Agreement.

The States Parties shall promote the protection, preservation, and improvement of the environment.

In order to promote the exercise of this right and eradicate malnutrition, the States Parties undertake to improve methods of production, supply and distribution of food, and to this end, agree to promote greater international cooperation in support of the relevant national policies.

All peoples shall freely dispose of their wealth and natural resources. This right shall be exercised in the exclusive interest of the people. In no case shall a people be deprived of it.

In case of spoliation the dispossessed people shall have the right to the lawful recovery of its property as well as to an adequate compensation.

The free disposal of wealth and natural resources shall be exercised without prejudice to the obligation of promoting international economic cooperation based on mutual respect, equitable exchange and the principles of international law.
### States parties to the present Charter

21.4 States parties to the present Charter shall individually and collectively exercise the right to free disposal of their wealth and natural resources with a view to strengthening African unity and solidarity.

21.5 States parties to the present Charter shall undertake to eliminate all forms of foreign economic exploitation particularly that practiced by international monopolies so as to enable their peoples to fully benefit from the advantages derived from their national resources.

24 All peoples shall have the right to a general satisfactory environment favourable to their development.

### ACRWC

#### African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child

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11.2 The education of the child shall be directed to:

11.2.g the development of respect for the environment and natural resources;

### Maputo Protocol

#### Protocol to the African Charter on Human and Peoples’ Rights on the Rights of Women in Africa

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18.1 Women shall have the right to live in a healthy and sustainable environment.

18.2 States Parties shall take all appropriate measures to:

18.2.b promote research and investment in new and renewable energy sources and appropriate technologies, including information technologies and facilitate women’s access to, and participation in their control;

18.2.c protect and enable the development of women’s indigenous knowledge systems;

### Paris Agreement

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5.1 Parties should take action to conserve and enhance, as appropriate, sinks and reservoirs of greenhouse gases as referred to in Article 4, paragraph 1 (d), of the Convention, including forests.

5.2 Parties are encouraged to take action to implement and support, including through results-based payments, the existing framework as set out in related guidance and decisions already agreed under the Convention for: policy approaches and positive incentives for activities relating to reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation, and the role of conservation, sustainable management of forests and enhancement of forest carbon stocks in developing countries; and alternative policy approaches, such as joint mitigation and adaptation approaches for the integral and sustainable management of forests, while reaffirming the importance of incentivizing, as appropriate, non-carbon benefits associated with such approaches.

7.9.e Building the resilience of socioeconomic and ecological systems, including through economic diversification and sustainable management of natural resources.

### CBD

#### Convention on Biological Diversity

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10.c Protect and encourage customary use of biological resources in accordance with traditional cultural practices that are compatible with conservation or sustainable use requirements;

10.d Support local populations to develop and implement remedial action in degraded areas where biological diversity has been reduced;

10.e Encourage cooperation between its governmental authorities and its private sector in developing methods for sustainable use of biological resources.

14.1 Each Contracting Party, as far as possible and as appropriate, shall:

14.1.a Introduce appropriate procedures requiring environmental impact assessment of its proposed projects that are likely to have significant adverse effects on biological diversity with a view to avoiding or minimizing such effects and, where appropriate, allow for public participation in such procedures;

14.1.b Introduce appropriate arrangements to ensure that the environmental consequences of its programmes and policies that are likely to have significant adverse impacts on biological diversity are duly taken into account;

UNCCD
UN Convention to Combat Desertification

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2.1 The objective of this Convention is to combat desertification and mitigate the effects of drought in countries experiencing serious drought and/or desertification, particularly in Africa, through effective action at all levels, supported by international cooperation and partnership arrangements, in the framework of an integrated approach which is consistent with Agenda 21, with a view to contributing to the achievement of sustainable development in affected areas.

2.2 Achieving this objective will involve long-term integrated strategies that focus simultaneously, in affected areas, on improved productivity of land, and the rehabilitation, conservation and sustainable management of land and water resources, leading to improved living conditions, in particular at the community level.

10.4 Taking into account the circumstances and requirements specific to each affected country Party, national action programmes include, as appropriate, inter alia, measures in some or all of the following priority fields as they relate to combating desertification and mitigating the effects of drought in affected areas and to their populations: promotion of alternative livelihoods and improvement of national economic environments with a view to strengthening programmes aimed at the eradication of poverty and at ensuring food security; demographic dynamics; sustainable management of natural resources; sustainable agricultural practices; development and efficient use of various energy sources; institutional and legal frameworks; strengthening of capabilities for assessment and systematic observation, including hydrological and meteorological services, and capacity building, education and public awareness.

11 Affected country Parties shall consult and cooperate to prepare, as appropriate, in accordance with relevant regional implementation annexes, subregional and/or regional action programmes to harmonize, complement and increase the efficiency of national programmes. The provisions of article 10 shall apply mutatis mutandis to subregional and regional programmes. Such cooperation may include agreed joint programmes for the sustainable management of transboundary natural resources, scientific and technical cooperation, and strengthening of relevant institutions.

19.1 The Parties recognize the significance of capacity building – that is to say, institution building, training and development of relevant local and national capacities – in efforts to combat desertification and mitigate the effects of drought. They shall promote, as appropriate, capacity building:

19.1.c by establishing and/or strengthening support and extension services to disseminate relevant technology methods and techniques more effectively, and by training field agents and members of rural organizations in participatory approaches for the conservation and sustainable use of natural resources;

19.3 The Parties shall cooperate with each other and through competent intergovernmental organizations, as well as with non-governmental organizations, in undertaking and supporting public awareness and educational programmes in both affected and, where relevant, unaffected country Parties to promote understanding of the causes and effects of desertification and drought and of the importance of meeting the objective of this Convention. To that end, they shall:

19.3.e assess educational needs in affected areas, elaborate appropriate school curricula and expand, as needed, educational and adult literacy programmes and opportunities for all, in particular for girls and women, on the identification, conservation and sustainable use and management of the natural resources of affected areas;
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American Declaration on the Rights and Duties of Man

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**XI**
Every person has the right to the preservation of his health through sanitary and social measures relating to food, clothing, housing and medical care, to the extent permitted by public and community resources.

**ACHR**
American Convention on Human Rights

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**26**
The States Parties undertake to adopt measures, both internally and through international cooperation, especially those of an economic and technical nature, with a view to achieving progressively, by legislation or other appropriate means, the full realization of the rights implicit in the economic, social, educational, scientific, and cultural standards set forth in the Charter of the Organization of American States as amended by the Protocol of Buenos Aires.

**Protocol of San Salvador**

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**10.1**
Everyone shall have the right to health, understood to mean the enjoyment of the highest level of physical, mental and social well-being.

**10.2**
In order to ensure the exercise of the right to health, the States Parties agree to recognize health as a public good and, particularly, to adopt the following measures to ensure that right:

**10.2.d**
Prevention and treatment of endemic, occupational and other diseases;

**11.1**
Everyone shall have the right to live in a healthy environment and to have access to basic public services.

**11.2**
The States Parties shall promote the protection, preservation, and improvement of the environment.

**ACHPR**
African Charter on Human and Peoples’ Rights

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**16.1**
Every individual shall have the right to enjoy the best attainable state of physical and mental health.

**16.2**
States parties to the present Charter shall take the necessary measures to protect the health of their people and to ensure that they receive medical attention when they are sick.

**Maputo Protocol**
Protocol to the African Charter on Human and Peoples’ Rights on the Rights of Women in Africa

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**18.1**
Women shall have the right to live in a healthy and sustainable environment.

**18.2**
States Parties shall take all appropriate measures to:

**18.2.e**
ensure that proper standards are followed for the storage, transportation and disposal of toxic waste.

**Basel Convention**
Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal

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**The entire convention is relevant**

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**UNCLOS**
UN Convention on the Law of the Sea

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**207.1**
States shall adopt laws and regulations to prevent, reduce and control pollution of the marine environment from land-based sources, including rivers, estuaries, pipelines and outfall structures, taking into account internationally agreed rules, standards and recommended practices and procedures.

**207.2**
States shall take other measures as may be necessary to prevent, reduce and control such pollution.

**207.4**
States, acting especially through competent international organizations or diplomatic conference, shall endeavour to establish global and regional rules, standards and recommended practices and procedures to prevent, reduce and control pollution of the marine environment from land-based sources, taking into account characteristic regional features, the economic capacity of developing States and their need for economic development. Such rules, standards and recommended practices and procedures shall be re-examined from time to time as necessary.
207.5 Laws, regulations, measures, rules, standards and recommended practices and procedures referred to in paragraphs 1, 2 and 4 shall include those designed to minimize, to the fullest extent possible, the release of toxic, harmful or noxious substances, especially those which are persistent, into the marine environment.

208.1 Coastal States shall adopt laws and regulations to prevent, reduce and control pollution of the marine environment arising from or in connection with seabed activities subject to their jurisdiction and from artificial islands, installations and structures under their jurisdiction, pursuant to articles 60 and 80.

208.2 States shall take other measures as may be necessary to prevent, reduce and control such pollution.

208.3 Such laws, regulations and measures shall be no less effective than international rules, standards and recommended practices and procedures.

208.5 States, acting especially through competent international organizations or diplomatic conference, shall establish global and regional rules, standards and recommended practices and procedures to prevent, reduce and control pollution of the marine environment referred to in paragraph 1. Such rules, standards and recommended practices and procedures shall be re-examined from time to time as necessary.

208.2 Subject to the relevant provisions of this section, States shall adopt laws and regulations to prevent, reduce and control pollution of the marine environment from activities in the Area undertaken by vessels, installations, structures and other devices flying their flag or of their registry or operating under their authority, as the case may be. The requirements of such laws and regulations shall be no less effective than the international rules, regulations and procedures referred to in paragraph 1.

209.1 States shall adopt laws and regulations to prevent, reduce and control pollution of the marine environment by dumping.

209.2 States shall take other measures as may be necessary to prevent, reduce and control such pollution.

209.3 Such laws, regulations and measures shall ensure that dumping is not carried out without the permission of the competent authorities of States.

210.4 States, acting especially through competent international organizations or diplomatic conference, shall endeavour to establish global and regional rules, standards and recommended practices and procedures to prevent, reduce and control such pollution. Such rules, standards and recommended practices and procedures shall be re-examined from time to time as necessary.

210.5 Dumping within the territorial sea and the exclusive economic zone or onto the continental shelf shall not be carried out without the express prior approval of the coastal State, which has the right to permit, regulate and control such dumping after due consideration of the matter with other States which by reason of their geographical situation may be adversely affected thereby.

210.6 National laws, regulations and measures shall be no less effective in preventing, reducing and controlling such pollution than the global rules and standards.

12.5 By 2030, substantially reduce waste generation through prevention, reduction, recycling and reuse.

**Indicators**

- **12.5.1 National recycling rate, tons of material recycled**

| ICESCR | International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights |
| Show all articles | 12.1 | The States Parties to the present Covenant recognize the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health. |
| | 12.2 | The steps to be taken by the States Parties to the present Covenant to achieve the full realization of this right shall include those necessary for: |
| | 12.2.b | The improvement of all aspects of environmental and industrial hygiene; |

| UNDRIP | United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples |
| Show all articles | 29.2 | States shall take effective measures to ensure that no storage or disposal of hazardous materials shall take place in the lands or territories of indigenous peoples without their free, prior and informed consent. |
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The objective of the present Agreement is to guarantee the full and effective implementation in Latin America and the Caribbean of the rights of access to environmental information, public participation in the environmental decision-making process and access to justice in environmental matters, and the creation and strengthening of capacities and cooperation, contributing to the protection of the right of every person of present and future generations to live in a healthy environment and to sustainable development.

4.1 Each Party shall guarantee the right of every person to live in a healthy environment and any other universally-recognized human right related to the present Agreement.

4.2 Each Party shall ensure that the rights recognized in the present Agreement are freely exercised.

4.3 Each Party shall adopt the necessary measures, of a legislative, regulatory, administrative or any other nature, in the framework of its domestic provisions, to guarantee the implementation of the provisions of the present Agreement.

6.3 Each Party shall have in place one or more up-to-date environmental information systems, which may include, inter alia:

6.3.a the texts of treaties and international agreements, as well as environmental laws, regulations and administrative acts;

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With respect to the environmental decision-making processes referred to in paragraph 2 of the present article, as a minimum, the following information shall be made public:

- **a description of the area of influence and physical and technical characteristics of the proposed project or activity;**
- **a description of the main environmental impacts of the project or activity and, as appropriate, the cumulative environmental impact;**
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4.2 Each Party shall take the appropriate measures to:

4.2.a Ensure that the generation of hazardous wastes and other wastes within it is reduced to a minimum, taking into account social, technological and economic aspects.

**12.6**
Encourage companies, especially large and transnational companies, to adopt sustainable practices and to integrate sustainability information into their reporting cycle.

**Indicators**

12.6.1 Number of companies publishing sustainability reports

**UNGPs**  
United Nations Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights

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Comment 3
In particular, companies are required to respect core human rights instruments: Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR); International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural (ICESCR) and International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) as well as ILO Core Labour Standards: Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organise Convention, 1949 (No 87); Right to Organise and Collective Bargaining Convention, 1949 (No 98); Forced Labour Convention, 1930 (No 29); Abolition of Forced Labour Convention, 1957 (No 105); Equal Remuneration Convention, 1951 (No 100); Discrimination (Employment and Occupation) Convention, 1958 (No 111); Minimum Age Convention, 1973 (No 138); Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention, 1999 (No 182).

**Comment 4**
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- Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organise
- Right to Organise and Collective Bargaining
- Forced Labour
- Abolition of Forced Labour
- Equal Remuneration
- Discrimination (Employment and Occupation)
- Minimum Age
- Worst Forms of Child Labour

**Principle 3.d**
Encourage, and where appropriate require, business enterprises to communicate how they address their human rights impacts.

**Escazú Agreement**  
Regional Agreement on Access to Information, Public Participation and Justice in Environmental Matters in Latin America and the Caribbean

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6.10 Each Party shall ensure that consumers and users have official, relevant and clear information on the environmental qualities of goods and services and their effects on health, favouring sustainable production and consumption patterns.

6.12 Each Party shall take the necessary measures, through legal or administrative frameworks, among others, to promote access to environmental information in the possession of private entities, in particular information on their operations and the possible risks and effects on human health and the environment.

6.13 In accordance with its capacities, each Party shall encourage public and private companies, particularly large companies, to prepare sustainability reports that reflect their social and environmental performance.

10.2 Each Party, in line with its capacities, may take, inter alia, the following measures:

**CBD**  
Convention on Biological Diversity

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10 Each Contracting Party shall, as far as possible and as appropriate:

10.e Encourage cooperation between its governmental authorities and its private sector in developing methods for sustainable use of biological resources.

13 The Contracting Parties shall:

13.a Promote and encourage understanding of the importance of, and the measures required for, the conservation of biological diversity, as well as its propagation through media, and the inclusion of these topics in educational programmes;

13.b Cooperate, as appropriate, with other States and international organizations in developing educational and public awareness programmes, with respect to conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity.

**12.7**
Promote public procurement practices that are sustainable, in accordance with national policies and priorities.

**Indicators**

12.7.1 Number of countries implementing sustainable public procurement policies and action plans

**UNGPs**  
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Comment 1
The UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights seek to provide an authoritative global standard for preventing and addressing the risk of adverse human rights impacts linked to business activity. The Guiding Principles outline how States and businesses should implement the UN “Protect, Respect and Remedy” Framework in order to better manage business and human rights challenges.

**Principle 5**
States should exercise adequate oversight in order to meet their international human rights obligations when they contract with, or legislate for, business enterprises to provide services that may impact upon the enjoyment of human rights.

**Principle 6**
States should promote respect for human rights by business enterprises with which they conduct commercial transactions.

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4.3 Each Party shall adopt the necessary measures, of a legislative, regulatory, administrative or any other nature, in the framework of its domestic provisions, to guarantee the implementation of the provisions of the present Agreement.
5.2 The exercise of the right of access to environmental information includes:
5.2.a requesting and receiving information from competent authorities without mentioning any special interest or explaining the reasons for the request;
5.2.b being informed promptly whether the requested information is in possession or not of the competent authority receiving the request;
5.2.c being informed of the right to challenge and appeal when information is not delivered, and of the requirements for exercising this right.

5.3 Each Party shall facilitate access to environmental information for persons or groups in vulnerable situations, establishing procedures for the provision of assistance, from the formulation of requests through to the delivery of the information, taking into account their conditions and specificities, for the purpose of promoting access and participation under equal conditions.

5.4 Each Party shall guarantee that the above-mentioned persons or groups in vulnerable situations, including indigenous peoples and ethnic groups, receive assistance in preparing their requests and obtain a response.

6.1 Each Party shall guarantee, to the extent possible within available resources, that the competent authorities generate, collect, publicize and disseminate environmental information relevant to their functions in a systematic, proactive, timely, regular, accessible and comprehensible manner, and periodically update this information and encourage the disaggregation and decentralization of environmental information at the subnational and local levels. Each Party shall strengthen coordination between the different authorities of the State.

6.2 The competent authorities shall endeavour to ensure, to the extent possible, that environmental information is reusable, processable and available in formats that are accessible, and that no restrictions are placed on its reproduction or use, in accordance with domestic legislation.

6.3 Each Party shall have in place one or more up-to-date environmental information systems, which may include, inter alia:
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6.7.d collaboration agreements among public, social and private sectors.

6.9 Each Party shall promote access to environmental information contained in concessions, contracts, agreements or authorizations granted, which involve the use of public goods, services or resources, in accordance with domestic legislation.