

## COURTESY TRANSLATION

### FINAL DECLARATION

OF 10<sup>TH</sup> ITALY – LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN CONFERENCE

*"People, Planet, Prosperity. The future of an age-old partnership."*

#### **The Representatives of the participating countries:**

- Reaffirming the special relation of friendship and cooperation between Italy and Latin American and Caribbean countries, built on strong historical, cultural, political and economic ties as well as on the integration of the respective communities and on the legacy of shared values of peace, solidarity, democracy, rule of law, justice, human rights and multilateralism;
- Recognizing the socio-economic and environmental impact of the COVID-19 pandemic at the global level and acknowledging that global solidarity and cooperation, as well as equitable and fair access to COVID-19 vaccines, which should become a global public good, are the only ways to overcome the pandemic in a sustainable and inclusive manner;
- Recognizing the importance of enhancing scientific and technological cooperation between Italy and the region in order to promote vaccine, drug and device manufacturing capacity to address the COVID-19 pandemic and improve coordination and response to future global public health threats;
- Confirming the joint commitment to pursue fair, inclusive and sustainable development – a goal that represents an even greater priority given the economic and social crisis generated by the COVID-19 pandemic – aimed specifically at reducing poverty and inequalities in all their forms, promoting food security and gender equality, combatting climate change for the safeguard of biodiversity (strengthening climate resilience and adaptation measures for vulnerable coastal states), protecting oceans and seas, fighting against corruption and organised crime, and on strengthening the rule of law and respect for human rights in order to implement, *inter alia*, the goals of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;
- Welcoming with satisfaction the Joint Statement issued at the end of the Europe-Latin America and the Caribbean Informal Ministerial Conference held on 14 December 2020, to which Italy and other participant States actively contributed and which endorsed the re-launch of the political dialogue between the two regions in keeping with its strategic relevance, and established the need for cooperation in order to successfully overcome the pandemic and for a recovery based on *"building back better"*;
- Appreciating Italy's lead role at the global level during its G20 Presidency in 2021 which has raised the issues of "People, Planet and Prosperity" at the core of global debate and has also allowed, with the support of the Latin American Members of the Group, for the adoption of several ministerial statements and releases containing

genuine commitments to the common goal of reinforcing and accelerating the multilateral response for a more sustainable and inclusive post-pandemic recovery;

- Acknowledging Italy's commitment - as G20 Presidency and as partner of the United Kingdom in the organisation of COP26 - to re-launch efforts aimed at fulfilling the the Paris Agreement and promoting the transition to climate neutrality, also in light of the high climate vulnerability of Latin America and the Caribbean and, therefore, of the virtuous example of those countries in the region that have already made commitments to climate neutrality by mid-century, encouraging those that have not done so to submit their long-term strategies as soon as possible and to announce updated NDCs (Nationally Determined Contributions) before COP26, to align ambitious mid- and long-term commitments in order to contain global warming;
- Recognising the consolidation of the role of the Italo-Latin American International Organisation (IILA) as a privileged forum for intergovernmental dialogue, in addition to the relationship that individual member countries have with the Italian government, as well as the growing importance, for all member States, of the expansion and diversification of initiatives implemented by the Organisation, and the alignment of its agreed agenda with a view to achieving the goals of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;
- Appreciating IILA joining the Association of Caribbean States (ACS) as an observer in 2019, and, likewise, the Association of Caribbean States joining IILA as an Observer in 2020;
- Recognizing the key role and the essential contribution to ecological transition of the private sector in achieving all the goals of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and specifically for an inclusive and environmentally friendly post-pandemic recovery;
- Satisfied with the progress made towards the implementation of the commitments undertaken in the Declaration of the 9<sup>th</sup> Italy-Latin America and the Caribbean Conference (Rome, 10 October 2019) including, specifically:
  - Launching of the project, funded by Italy and organised by IILA -“Circular economy and green cities”-, following the support of the participating countries of the document “*Transition towards a circular city. A common vision*”, which represents an important contribution to the identification of criteria for sustainable production and consumption and which this year is followed-up by the "Declaration of the Circular Cities of Latin America and the Caribbean" promoted by ECLAC, ENEL and IILA to which mayors of the region adhere and which was held on October 25, 2021;
  - Development of the new multi-level technical assistance initiative -“Falcone Borsellino”-, to fight transnational organised crime and corruption, and to consolidate the culture of legality and rule of law also through exchange of experiences, funded by Italy and organised by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation together with IILA, the findings which were presented at the Special Event held on 25 October 2021, during the Conference;

- Convening of the 5<sup>th</sup> Italo-Latin American Forum of Small and Medium Enterprises in Padua (Italy) from 28 to 30 November 2019, funded by Italy and organised by IILA, as a consolidated forum to promote economic and commercial cooperation opportunities, as well as to improve the productivity and competitiveness of small and medium-sized enterprises;
  - IILA's implementation of various training, partnership and development cooperation activities in the areas of Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs), food security, gender equality, protection of vulnerable populations, green economy, technological development and the protection and preservation of cultural heritage, through both European Union Funding, under the EUROsociAL, EL PAcCTO, Eurofront and COPOLAD III programmes, and Italian funding;
- Promoting the outcomes of the discussions during the 10<sup>th</sup> Conference's three panels dedicated to people, planet and prosperity, and specifically, supporting the unanimous acknowledgement that recovery can only be reached through a stronger commitment on the part of each country and the international community as a whole to achieve the goals of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development which aspire to a world where no-one is left behind;
1. Herein show support for Italy's role as holder of the G20 Presidency, with the aim that the Summit of Heads of State and Government, with the support of the Latin American member countries of the G20 and taking into account the results of this Conference, could adopt a "Declaration of Rome" that consolidates the ministerial commitments already adopted in recent months and raise the level of ambition, particularly in the area of combating climate change according to the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities in the light of different national circumstances, of the acceleration of the transition to clean energy and smart cities, resilient and sustainable cities, international coordination on public health and broad and equitable access to vaccines, gender equality, work and social protection, education, digital economy, research and development, anti-corruption, as well as of the coordination in dealing with cases of debt vulnerability, recognizing that they address issues of interest to both Italy and the Latin American and Caribbean region as a whole.
  2. Acknowledge and support Italy's commitment to increasing the attention of the European Union on Latin America and the Caribbean – including through the Team Europe Initiatives - in order to consolidate a partnership built on equity and shared values such as democracy, justice, protection of human rights, social inclusion, sustainable development and multilateralism.
  3. Confirm their commitment along the lines that emerged during the debate in the Conference's three panels on "People", "Planet" and "Prosperity":
    - to tackling social crises heightened by the pandemic through policies aimed at eradicating poverty, reducing inequalities, ensuring the access of all people to vaccines and healthcare and guaranteeing young people the opportunity for a quality education;

- to eliminating, in particular, gender inequalities so as to achieve real parity between men and women. This includes parity of employment conditions and salary, participation in decision-making processes, fighting all forms of discrimination violence including domestic violence – a phenomenon which sadly increased sharply during the pandemic – and granting girls the access to inclusive quality educational, academic and training opportunities;
  - to fighting climate change and erosion of biodiversity including through partnerships to achieve sustainable management of maritime activities, protection of the environment and foster the growth of a sustainable and inclusive “blue economy”;
  - to pursuing the transition to affordable, modern, reliable and sustainable energy production through joint actions aimed at further promoting the use of renewable energies and the adoption of clean technologies (already widespread in several Latin American and Caribbean countries), as well as the development of the circular economy in accordance with national policies and priorities;
4. Agree to continue the multi-level “Falcone Borsellino” programme over the next two-year period in order to develop and consolidate the results achieved during the project’s first phase and to jointly identify the priority areas for further action and coordinate the Programme, similar to other Italian bilateral projects in this sector, with the European Union’s regional action for justice and safety in Latin America and the Caribbean.
  5. Agree to actively coordinate, support and participate in ongoing and future initiatives carried out by IILA in the Region - in compliance with the principle of co-ownership with the countries implementing the projects -, using both the resources of Italian cooperation and within the framework of Programmes funded by the European Union such as EUROsociAL, EL PAcCTO, Eurofront, COPOLAD, ALinvest Verde and ADELANTE II.