

WORKING COMMITTEE II

THEMATIC AXIS II:

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION & RESILIENCE

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RELATED PARAGRAPHS FROM DRAFT DECLARATION OF PORT OF SPAIN (Rev 2)

Preambular Paragraphs

3 (v) Natural and man-made disasters afflict states of the Hemisphere and cause greater devastation in the most vulnerable states that have not yet developed adequate prevention and mitigation capabilities.

3 (vi) New cooperation mechanisms are required to improve and broaden the region's response capability in preventing and mitigating the effects of these disasters.

ACKNOWLEDGING: The impacts of climate change, which may increase the frequency, scale, and complexity of future military missions, including defence support to civilian authorities. The impacts may at the same time undermine the sustainability of critical infrastructure, installation and assets that support military activities.

Operative Paragraph 13

That they recognise that the specific problems and challenges of small island and other developing states in the Caribbean region and their need to utilise the military in support of civil authorities in an effort to counter the growing incidents of transnational organised crime including the illicit trade in

small arms, drugs, human and all other forms of trafficking. Similarly, they recognise the need for the military of the aforementioned states to assist in areas of man-made and natural disaster, border control, cyber security and cyber defence, major events security, critical infrastructure protection, environmental protection and resilience and climate change adaptation.

Operative Paragraph 19

Their commitment to support national authorities in actions to increase energy and water security, including investments in areas such as energy efficiency, new technologies, and renewable energy sources which will increase the resiliency of military installations and help mitigate and adapt to the effects of climate change.

Operative Paragraph 20

That the military and civil defence assets could be utilised in environmental protection and resilience to increase the capacity of military installations, to mitigate or adapt to environmental effects on defence institutions and operations, thereby developing and sustaining their capabilities in this regard.

Operative Paragraph 22

Their establishment of an Ad Hoc Working Group on climate change issues related to defence to meet before XIII CDMA, to discuss best practices to reduce defence forces' impact on the climate and how defence forces can increase readiness to respond to natural disasters that are likely to increase in frequency and intensity as a result of climate change.