

**ELEVENTH FORUM OF MINISTERS OF CULTURE AND  
OFFICIALS RESPONSIBLE FOR CULTURE POLICIES OF  
LATIN AMERICAN AND THE CARIBBEAN**

Port au Prince, 5 December 1999

**CONSIDERING**

That among the objectives of the 11<sup>th</sup> Forum, the support to the Latin American and Caribbean countries in their struggle to maintain their cultural identity and preservation of their Cultural Heritage is underlined.

That this Forum expresses the feeling of solidarity of the participating countries with the sisterly Republic of Panama in its history for the recovery of the Canal zone.

That the Panama Canal is an institution for the purpose of the world exchange and that historically has served as a bridge for the cultural exchange between the countries of the World.

**RESOLVES**

To congratulate the people of Panama for the culmination of the transfer of the Panama Canal, to unite our triumphal voices to those of the Panamanians in the hegemonic recovery of its territory and the incorporation of this region to the cultural process and the development of Panama and its people.

To acknowledge the extraordinary historical, social-economic and of course, cultural significance of this unprecedented development for our region, which marks a corner stone in the path of our peoples independence and prosperity.

To celebrate and recall, among the Latin American and the Caribbean countries the 14 of December, 1999, as the official date marking the end of a process of recovery and start of a new phase in the cultural development of Panama.