



### **III FOREIGN MINISTERS' MEETING**

#### **DECISION ON SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES – ANNEX 02**

The Ministers of State and other Heads of Delegation in the III FEALAC Ministerial Meeting held in Brasilia,

Taking into account the high priority attributed to the strengthening of Small and Medium Enterprises – SMEs,

DECIDE:

To instruct the Working Group on Economy and Society to examine the creation of a network of focal points on Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs). The initial work programme of the network should include *inter alia* the following points:

- a) the consolidation of existing proposals in a database to be posted online, including the SMEs proposal on “Competitiveness, Best Practices and Export Promotion, that has already been approved by FEALAC member countries;
- b) inclusion in the data bank of examples of national best practices pertaining to SMEs, with special emphasis on the information technology sector;

- c) publicising, through this data bank, of opportunities open to SMEs of member countries in academic research activities and/or entrepreneurial initiatives;
- d) consideration of measures to enhance the training and qualification of small and medium-size entrepreneurs through the exchange of best practices information and experiences, including the possible creation of a Center for this purpose.