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**Decision 27/8: Green economy in the context of sustainable
development and poverty eradication**

The Governing Council,

Welcoming the outcome document, "The future we want", of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20), particularly Section III dealing with the Green Economy in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication,

Acknowledging paragraph 62, which encourages countries to consider the implementation of green economy policies in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication, and also noting that, as stated in paragraph 56, there are different approaches, visions, models and tools available to each country, in accordance with its national circumstances and priorities, to achieve sustainable development,

Welcoming the publication of the report released by the United Nations Environment Programme in 2011 on green economy entitled: Towards a Green Economy-Pathways to Sustainable Development and Poverty Eradication,

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of those countries that have endeavoured to promote the green economy in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication based on their countries' own circumstances and priorities, such as the

idea of ecological civilization, natural capital accounting, payment for ecosystem services, low-carbon economy and resource efficiency;

2. *Acknowledges* that there are different approaches, visions, models and tools developed by Member States of the United Nations in order to achieve sustainable development, and in this regard takes note of the approach of Living-Well in balance and harmony with Mother Earth as a holistic and integrated approach to sustainable development that can guide humanity to live in harmony with nature and lead to efforts to restore the health and integrity of the Earth's ecosystems;

3. *Requests* the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme, within the Programme's existing mandate and available resources, to collect such initiatives, endeavours, practices and experiences on different approaches, visions, models and tools including green economy in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication and to disseminate them, and facilitate information sharing among countries, so as to support them to promote sustainable development and poverty eradication;

4. *Invites* countries to implement green economy in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication taking into account section 3 of "The future we want".