

Reaffirming the precautionary approach contained in Principle 15 of the Rio Declaration...which states:

**“In order to protect the environment, the precautionary approach shall be widely applied by States according to their capabilities. **Where there are threats of serious or irreversible damage**, lack of full scientific certainty shall not be used as a reason for postponing cost-effective measures to prevent environmental degradation.”**

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**R.A. - Where there are threats of serious or irreversible damage**

**Decision - lack of full scientific certainty shall not be used as a reason for postponing cost-effective measures to prevent environmental degradation.**