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Mr. Kevin O'Reilly, U.S. National Summit Coordinator and Chair of the SIRG meeting, extended a warm welcome to the National Summits Process Coordinators, the distinguished delegates, and the representatives of the Joint Summit Working Group institutions. The list of participants was published as document [GRIC/O.2/doc.59/22 rev. 1](#).

Opening remarks by Mr. Kevin O'Reilly, United States National Summit Coordinator

The remarks delivered by Mr. Kevin O'Reilly were published as document [GRIC/O.2/INF.21/22](#).

1. Stakeholder presentations on the political commitments for the Summit

a. Presentation by Young Americas Forum, on YABT, delivered by Ms. Cecilia Vilchis

Ms. Cecilia Vilchis' presentation was published as document [GRIC/O.2/INF.23/22](#).

b. Presentation by Citizen Forum of the Americas, delivered by Ms. Molvina Zeballos

Ms. Zeballos' presentation was published as document [GRIC/O.2/INF.24/22](#).

c. Presentation by Ms. Paula Uribe, Director of Government Affairs at PepsiCo, Inc.

Ms. Paula Uribe's presentation was published as document [GRIC/O.2/INF.25/22](#).

d. Presentation by YABT, given by Mr. Dawsher Charles, Trinidad and Tobago

Mr. Dawsher Charles' presentation was published as document [GRIC/O.2/INF.26/22](#).

e. Presentation by the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs (NDI), delivered by Mr. Eduardo Núñez Vargas

Mr. Eduardo Núñez Vargas' presentation was published as document [GRIC/O.2/INF.27/22](#).

f. Private sector presentation, delivered by Patricia Wu

Ms. Patricia Wu's presentation was published as document [GRIC/O.2/INF.41/22](#).

g. Presentation by YABT Argentina, delivered by Ms. Maricel Lonati

Ms. Maricel Lonati's presentation was published as document [GRIC/O.2/INF.28/22](#).

h. Presentation by Citizen Forum of the Americas, delivered by José Ramón Ávila

Mr. José Ramón Ávila's presentation was published as document [GRIC/O.2/INF.29/22](#).

i. Private sector presentation, delivered by Thackwray Driver, President & CEO, Energy Chamber of Trinidad and Tobago, Chairman CARICHAM

Mr. Thackwray Driver's presentation was published as document [GRIC/O.2/INF.30/22](#).

j. Presentation by Latin American Internet Association (ALAI), delivered by Raul Echeberria

Mr. Raul Echeberria's presentation was published as document [GRIC/O.2/INF.31/22](#).

Following the presentations by the stakeholders on the political commitments for the Summit, the Chair thanked them for their input and invited the delegations to make comments.

The delegation of Trinidad and Tobago welcomed the various Summit process stakeholders in attendance, noting how important their recommendations were for the discussions on the Draft Political Commitments.

2. Presentations by the members of the Joint Summit Working Group (JSWG) on the political commitments of the Summits

a. Presentation by the Organization of American States (OAS), delivered by Ambassador James Lambert, Secretary for Hemispheric Affairs

Ambassador James Lambert's presentation was published as document [GRIC/O.2/INF.32/22](#).

b. Presentation by the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), delivered by Mr. Fabrizio Operti, Integration and Trade Sector Manager.

Mr. Fabrizio Operti said that the IDB's 2025 vision was in line with the themes of the Summit. Specifically, he pointed to the identification of key opportunities to stimulate economic and health recovery in order to generate lasting structural benefits. He further cited the value chains, the digital economy, and SMEs as an essential enabler for recovery, presenting tremendous opportunities for the region, especially in times of crisis. Lastly, he spoke of the need for the private sector perspective to help enrich and drive the Draft Political Commitment, which calls for collaboration.

c. Presentation by the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA), delivered by Ms. Beverly Best

Ms. Beverly Best's presentation was published as document [GRIC/O.2/INF.33/22](#).

d. Presentation by the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), delivered by Ms. Mary Lou Valdez, Deputy Director

Ms. Mary Lou Valdez's presentation was published as document [GRIC/O.2/INF.34/22](#).

e. Presentation by the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), delivered by Ms. Raquel Artecona, Officer in Charge, ECLAC Office in Washington, D.C.

Ms. Raquel Artecona noted how ECLAC's priorities matched the Summit issues, such as the renewal of the energy matrix, urban mobility, inclusive digitalization, health products manufacturing, the bio-economy, development of the circular economy, and sustainable tourism sector recovery. She also noted the technical support that states had received in each of those areas, as well as the reports that were done, including the Guidelines and proposals for a health self-sufficiency plan for Latin America and the Caribbean, developed at the request of the President *pro tempore* of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC).

f. Presentation by the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), delivered by José Antonio Ardavin

Mr. José Antonio Ardavin's presentation was published as document [GRIC/O.2/INF.20/22](#).

g. Presentation by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

Owing to technical issues, the UNDP presentation was not delivered, and so the delegation sent in its written comments, which were published as document [GRIC/O.2/INF.42/22](#).

After the JSWG members had finished their presentations, the Chair thanked them for their comments and invited comments from the delegations.

The delegation of Venezuela took the floor to speak to the region's migration issue and its various dimensions, focusing especially on its impact on vulnerable groups.

3. Dialogue of the Co-Chairs of the Working Group of the Plan of Action on Health and Resiliency

The Chair introduced the discussion of the Draft Political Commitments by thanking the co-chairs for initiating the informal negotiation process and announcing that more meetings of the Working Groups would be convened prior to the next SIRG meeting.

He reminded delegations that all the Draft Political Commitments focused on establishing principles to lay the groundwork for future negotiations of action plans, except for the Democratic Governance document, which is an action plan in its own right. He then opened the discussion with the Health and Resiliency Action Plan and offered the Working Group's co-chairs – Uruguay and Peru – the floor.

The remarks delivered by Ambassador Gustavo Alvarez, Uruguay's Deputy National Coordinator for the Summit Process, were published as document [GRIC/O.2/INF.35/22](#). The comments of the delegation of Peru were also issued as document [GRIC/O.2/INF.36/22](#).

The delegations of Canada, Guatemala, Guyana, and Brazil, taking the floor, commented on the Draft Political Commitment under consideration. The discussions centered around the use of the lists referring to vulnerable groups and concerns about the possible number of implementation mechanisms for the mandates that would be agreed upon at the IX Summit.

As well, the delegation of Brazil requested consideration of an additional Draft Political Commitment on economic integration. In response, the Chair requested to have economic resiliency issues included in the existing documents.

4. Dialogue of the Co-Chairs of the Working Group on Our Green Future

Mr. Kevin O'Reilly thanked the delegation of Ecuador for its leadership of the Working Group and invited Ambassador Denys Toscano to give an update on the progress with the negotiations.

Ambassador Denys Toscano announced that 15 delegations altogether had commented on the Draft Political Commitment. He explained that while the states appreciated the depth of the contents of the Plan of Action, they did note certain aspects that needed to be more specific, especially in the terminology used and the alignment of the efforts made at the hemispheric level with the United Nations agenda. He also made reference to the comments on the need to make more financial and technological resources available to change sustainability-oriented production formats and matrices.

Following this, the delegations of Peru, Brazil, and Guatemala commented on the document, reiterating the need for explicit reference to financing and international cooperation while also stressing the importance of not duplicating commitments or efforts already underway in other forums. They also introduced the notion of common but differentiated responsibilities and their significance to a commitment of this nature.

5. Presentation by the co-chairs of the Accelerating the Clean Energy Transition Working Group

Ambassador Rubén Silié, Deputy Minister of Multilateral Foreign Policy and National Coordinator of the Dominican Republic, explained that they had decided that their technical agency engaged with energy transition issues would co-chair the Working Group. In that connection, he yielded the floor to the Deputy Minister of Energy Conservation and Efficiency at the Ministry of Energy and Mining, Mr. Alfonso Rodríguez, who gave an overview of the main thrust of the comments received, among them: prosperity with equity, rebuilding amidst the pandemic, the need to establish energy plans aligned with the SDGs and SDG7 in particular. He touched upon sustainable urban mobility, universal access to electricity, and energy security and adaptation as well. Lastly, Minister Rodríguez pointed to differences in the use of specific terminologies and new paragraphs proposed.

6. Dialogue of the co-chairs of the Working Group on the Regional Program for Digital Transformation

Thanking the delegations of Colombia and Jamaica for leading the Working group on Digital Transformation, the Chair then invited the co-chairs to give an update on the progress they had made.

The presentation by Jamaica's National Coordinator, Ambassador Janice Miller, was published as document [GRIC/O.2/INF.37/22](#). Ambassador Mauricio Baquero of Colombia said he hoped the high level of participation in the Working Group would continue. He went on to explain that the document to be negotiated would only contain specific suggested language, since the general language had already been discussed.

The delegations of Ecuador and Guatemala made comments and asked questions of the Chair. Ecuador inquired about the format that was different in the documents, since the one related to Democratic Governance and Digital Transformation contained a preamble whereas the others did not. The Chair replied that they were not necessarily seeking to adhere to a single format and that, being a specific plan of action, the Democracy document was indeed expected to use a different format. Meanwhile, the delegation of Guatemala stressed the need to provide details on Program lead agencies and execution timelines.

7. Presentation by the co-chairs of the Working Group on the Inter-American Plan of Action on Democratic Governance

SIRG Chair Kevin O'Reilly invited the co-chairs of the Working Group on Democratic Governance – the delegations of Panama and Canada – to report on their progress.

National Coordinator of Panama Carmen Inés Ávila said that most of the differences between the delegations were laid out in Section A of the document “Democracy and Human Rights,” which did not reflect any consensus on creating new mechanisms to assess emerging threats to democracy nor on the reference to vulnerable groups. In that regard, she announced that before moving on to the other paragraphs, they would focus on closing those paragraphs on which no comment had been made. Canada's National Coordinator explained that the delegations were seeking to avoid duplicating new mechanisms in the region and also argued for peoples' right to self-determination, the principle of non-intervention, and the need for the specific characteristics of the various domestic laws to be taken into account. She also addressed the differences between the role of electoral observation missions and the role of the OAS.

Following the comments by the co-chairs, the delegations of Peru, Guatemala, Brazil and Guyana spoke, accentuating the need to avoid duplication of efforts and the importance of being mindful of the different national legal frameworks. Highlighted likewise was the need to incorporate into the document elements linking democratic governance and economic development.

The delegation of Peru, in underlining the need to continue the efforts proposed in this Plan of Action in relation to the agreements set forth in the Lima Commitment, requested that the promotion of regional cooperation initiatives to prevent and combat corruption be maintained, and accordingly noted the efforts made to transfer the Follow-up Mechanism for the Lima Commitment over to the Summits Secretariat.

The delegation of Brazil inquired about the information on the preparation of a draft on Regulatory Good Practices during the Ninth Summit and requested that this be considered within the framework of the SIRG.

8. Presentation of outcomes and recommendations of ministerial meetings by their respective chairs

a. Presentation on the VI Inter-American Meeting of Ministers and High-Level Authorities of Science and Technology, given by Ambassador Janice Miller

Ambassador Janice Miller's presentation was published as document [GRIC/O.2/INF.38/22](#).

b. Outcomes of the Fifth Meeting of Ministers of Energy of the Energy and Climate Partnership of the Americas

The presentation by the National Coordinator of Panama was published as document [GRIC/O.2/INF.22/22](#).

c. Presentation on the XXV Inter-American Congress of Ministers and High-Level Authorities of Tourism, delivered by Minister Raúl Martínez

The presentation by Minister Raúl Martínez, Interim Representative of Paraguay to the OAS, was published as document [GRIC/O.2/INF.39/22](#).

d. Presentation on the XXI Inter-American Conference of Ministers of Labor (IACML), given by Minister Gustavo Martínez Pandiani

The remarks by Minister Gustavo Martínez Pandiani, Argentina's National Coordinator for the Summit Process, were published as document [GRIC/O.2/INF.40/22](#).

9. Other business

The Director of the Summits Secretariat, Ms. María Celina Conte, announced that the next meetings of the SIRG Working Groups would be held between March 11 and 18, and that for the purposes of those meetings, the consolidated versions of the Draft Political Commitments with the comments of the delegations would be circulated.

Ambassador Lambert stated that the comments made by the JSWG entities on the Draft Political Commitments have been distributed and that they would continue sharing their input with the co-chairs.

SIRG Chair Kevin O'Reilly noted, meanwhile, that for the Third Regular Meeting of the SIRG, updated versions with the track changes control function of the documents would be available for the consideration of the delegations. With regard to the economic dimension of recovery, he urged the Working Groups' co-chairs to incorporate these priorities into the documents. Regarding the reference to vulnerable groups, he said he would work with the Summits Secretariat to ensure a suitable approach.

The delegation of Ecuador inquired whether the Third Meeting of the SIRG would be face-to-face format, to which the Chair responded that it was expected to be virtual, although the Fourth Meeting would be face-to-face.

There being no further comments, the Chair thanked the states and JSWG entities for participating, and at 11:40 a.m. on March 8, the SIRG Chair declared the meeting ended.