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PRESENTATION OF THE NOTIONAL PROPOSED CALENDAR AND WORKING
PROCEDURES WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
IX SUMMIT OF THE AMERICAS

(Mr. Kevin O'Reilly, National Summit Coordinator of the United States)

Distinguished colleagues, I will offer my suggestions for our next steps. With the benefit of your feedback and input, we can develop a calendar and working procedures for our ministers to adopt next month when they meet on the margins of the OAS General Assembly and establish a path forward to implement our leaders' Summit commitments.

As we develop mechanisms for implementation, we should take into account the nature of each of the five political commitments. Some create mandates for further negotiation, while others already prescribe detailed actions.

The Inter-American Action Plan on Democratic Governance is approved and ready for implementation. I suggest we convene an ad-hoc technical group outside the SIRG, to include delegations and JSWG organizations, to meet quarterly with stakeholders to coordinate and report on implementation and shared efforts, and identify any roadblocks or issues to be overcome.

I would also note that the U.S. mission to the OAS is already working to support follow up on a number of issues contained in this commitment with respect to the Democratic Charter and enhanced inter-parliamentary cooperation.

The Regional Agenda for Digital Transformation similarly lays out clear steps for implementation. I suggest delegations review the text and identify where they can make progress individually and in partnership with other members of this Group and with other partners. We should focus follow-up efforts in this space around existing mechanisms and convening opportunities such as CITELE and the IDB annual meetings. The Chair will reach out to delegations with specific targets of opportunity where we can support progress.

The Action Plan on Health and Resilience in the Americas creates a clear mandate to reach consensus on an action plan, looking toward the Tenth Summit of the Americas. I suggest we convene an ad hoc technical group, outside of the SIRG, composed of technical experts from ministries of health, the JSWG, and other relevant authorities, to negotiate the action plan. With the clear template offered by the Summit commitment, we would hope to finalize an action plan by the middle of next year, potentially for adoption at a high-level meeting in 2023.

The Our Sustainable Green Future Summit commitment calls for a different approach. It calls for countries to develop national plans regarding land use and protecting environmental defenders. It calls for some collaborative efforts, such as increasing scientific cooperation, in addition to national implementation of specific actions. For this commitment, I suggest we create an ad hoc technical group of experts to share best practices and expertise for the development of those national action plans, as well as to coordinate joint efforts and follow up on national implementation. The group could meet quarterly outside of the SIRG.

We acknowledge that burning fossil fuels is the largest source of greenhouse gas emissions, and a large portion of that can be attributed to the conventional power generation. Our Accelerating the Clean Sustainable, Renewable, and Just Energy Transition commitment aims to address this issue. Encouraging the development of renewable clean energy sources and allowing for fair and just access will require high-level of coordination and collaboration across the region and well beyond. To make progress on this meaningful commitment, I suggest that we form an ad hoc group to monitor progress made towards the energy transition commitment, share best practices, and coordinate regional and national efforts. This group could meet quarterly outside of the SIRG.

The ad hoc technical groups would report back to the SIRG, which would in turn offer guidance to the technical groups and take responsibility for monitoring and helping advance Summit implementation. Identifying two co-chairs for each technical group would allow us to benefit from areas of national expertise and national interest from throughout the region.

Pertaining to the working procedures for this stage, the SIRG will monitor follow-up procedures for the implementation of the mandates.

During the meetings of the SIRG, the Chair will provide space for all Summit stakeholders to convey their recommendations on implementation and progress toward advancing our commitments.

Finally, the Chair may request comments and proposals in writing, which may be submitted no later than 10 days following the SIRG meeting.

I offer these suggestions with humility and eagerly await your considerations.