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WELCOME REMARKS BY THE CHAIR OF THE SIRG

*(Ambassador Francisco Mora,
National Coordinator of the United States for the Summit Process)*

Good afternoon, Secretary General Almagro, National Summit Coordinators, distinguished delegates, representatives of the institutions of the Joint Summit Working Group, representatives of civil society and social actors, and the Summits Secretariat.

Thank you for your participation in this, the Third Regular Meeting of 2023 of the Summit Implementation Review Group (SIRG).

I am honored to welcome you as the National Summit Coordinator for the United States.

As we meet for what will likely be the last SIRG under the United States in our role as chair, I wish to convey my appreciation for the commitment and active engagement demonstrated by all delegations and national summit coordinators throughout all phases of the Ninth Summit.

Your dedication has been the driving force behind our collective efforts, before, during, and after the Summit. In particular, I would like to extend special recognition to our Vice-Chair, Peru; it was an honor to build on the achievements of the Eighth Summit and ensure our governments continue to work to combat corruption and bolster democratic governance in our hemisphere. I'd also like to thank those delegations who co-chaired both the working groups that helped negotiate the five commitments adopted by our leaders in Los Angeles, and the ad hoc technical groups on implementing those commitments. You all have played a pivotal role in shaping our discussions and policy recommendations.

The Ad Hoc technical groups on health and resilience, energy, digital transformation, democratic governance, and climate have allowed us to implement the ambitious agenda our leaders committed to addressing across our hemisphere.

This afternoon we will discuss our ongoing efforts to implement the mandates our leaders adopted in Los Angeles last June.

We will also have a presentation by the National Summit Coordinator of the Dominican Republic, which will soon assume the chairmanship of the Summits process.

I look forward to working with each delegation in the U.S. role as Vice-Chair, to continue our work to implement the outcomes of the Ninth Summit, while we all come together to support the Dominican Republic as incoming chair of the Tenth Summit.

I would also like to take this opportunity to also express the Chair's gratitude to the Joint Summit Working Group institutions for their invaluable contributions during our exchanges. Their expertise and dedication have been instrumental in facilitating a more comprehensive and effective engagement within the Summit process.

The collaborative spirit and commitment exhibited by delegations, stakeholders, and JSWG institutions have set a remarkable example for the positive impact that can be achieved through joint endeavors, and I look forward to our continued collaboration in advancing our shared goals.

I particularly want to thank our civil society, private sector, and youth representatives for their ongoing support, and for joining us today to share recommendations and feedback.

Your active participation, invaluable insights, and dedication to the Summit process have helped enrich our discussions and policies. The diverse perspectives you bring to the table helps ensure our initiatives are more inclusive and representative of our communities, and that the Summit process addresses the needs of the people of the Americas.

Your dedication to fostering positive change in the Americas has been a cornerstone of the Summit's accomplishments. We look forward to continued collaboration and dialogue with these key stakeholders in the ongoing pursuit of our shared objectives and as we support the Dominican Republic in preparing for the Tenth Summit.

The Chair also expresses its appreciation for the Summits of the Americas Secretariat of the OAS, whose support has been the invaluable throughout the entirety of this process. The Secretariat has ensured the smooth facilitation of the Summit's various stages and provided a strong foundation for the success of our shared endeavors.

Finally, I'd like to reiterate our appreciation for the dedication, focus, and collaborative spirit that governments and stakeholders brought to the Summit process. It has truly been a pleasure for the United States to serve as chair of the SIRG.