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To support the calls made in Paragraphs 90 and 91 at the Fifth Summit to increase the accountability of governments to the peoples of the Americas, in January 2010 the **OAS** launched the Summits of the Americas Follow-up System (SISCA). SISCA is an online inter-agency work tool where government entities can enter Summit mandate-related goals and progress. In addition, it serves as a forum for the entry of qualitative information, such as policies, strategies, limitations encountered, and steps to be taken for the effective fulfillment of Summit mandate-related goals.

Paragraph 94 of the Port of Spain Declaration commits to the ongoing growth of citizen participation in the inter-American system and the Summits process. To comply with this important challenge, the OAS Summits Secretariat, with support from **the Institute for Connectivity in the Americas (ICA)**, has developed the Summits Virtual Community (SVC), which utilizes Web 2.0 tools to enhance engagement among Summit stakeholders and promote wider participation in the preparatory process for the Sixth Summit.

ECLAC continued working on the systematization and dissemination of statistics and supported countries in strengthening their national statistical systems and capacities in the areas of national accounts, the measurement of progress towards the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) with suitable indicators, the conduct of household surveys and the development of environmental statistics. Efforts aimed at improving the quantity and quality of MDGs indicators have resulted in a larger number of countries having made considerable advances in the collection of information and in the production of those indicators. ECLAC enhanced efforts to improve accessibility of data collected through CEPALSTAT, a new portal of statistical information included in ECLAC's web page.

IICA, as the Secretariat of the Ministerial Process, continued supporting the consolidation of the Ministerial Process and facilitated the celebration of its Fifth Ministerial Meeting, in Montego Bay, Jamaica, October 2009. During this meeting the Secretariat presented to the assembled Ministers a Report on advances in the Ministerial process emphasizing its link with the Summit Process and informing them of the specific mandates of the Declaration of Commitment of Port of Spain. This meeting



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identified 15 strategic actions and 6 Implementation and Follow up Measures clearly responding to the Port of Spain mandates.