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The Second Ministerial Level Meeting of the Summit Implementation Review Group (SIRG) in 2022 was held on October 6 at the Convention Center in Lima, Peru on the occasion of the fifty-second regular session of the OAS General Assembly. The meeting was chaired by the Secretary of State of the United States, His Excellency Mr. Antony Blinken, and was attended by 32 delegations. The list of participants was published as document [GRIC/M.2/doc.22/22 rev. 1](#). During this meeting, the Notional Calendar and Working Procedures for the implementation phase of the mandates adopted at the Ninth Summit of the Americas were considered and approved.

Remarks by the Secretary of State of the United States of America, Antony Blinken, and report on the results of the Ninth Summit of the Americas

The Secretary of State, Mr. Antony Blinken, welcomed their excellencies, the ministers of foreign affairs of the countries participating in the Summit Process. He greeted and thanked the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Peru, Mr. César Landa, Vice-Chair of the Process, for hosting the meeting; Mr. Luis Almagro, Secretary General of the OAS; and the representatives of the Joint Summit Working Group (JSWG).

Mr. Antony Blinken reviewed the five documents adopted at the Ninth Summit of the Americas on health and resilience, clean energy, green future, digital transformation, and democratic governance, and noted that they were the product of months of consultations among governments, work with civil society, youth, and the private sector.

He emphasized that the purpose of the meeting was to report on progress in the fulfillment of mandates, discuss possibilities for joint work, and develop plans in that regard. He also addressed the contents of the Notional Calendar, which includes the development of action plans, the convening of experts in the corresponding areas, and reports on progress towards the fulfillment of the plans adopted.

Subsequently, he announced various efforts undertaken by the United States in support of the commitments. First, he highlighted collaboration with the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) to train 500,000 health professionals in the region. He also discussed working with the Caribbean to address the climate crisis and develop action plans for energy security, climate-smart technologies, and global food security. Finally, he highlighted the various forms of support given to civil society in monitoring the implementation of Summit mandates.

The Secretary of State and SIRG Chair, Mr. Antony Blinken, added that such efforts demand collaboration that goes beyond national governments, and welcomed the announcement of the First Cities Summit of the Americas to be held in April 2023 in Denver, Colorado. He emphasized that it would make it possible to work with mayors, community leaders, academics, entrepreneurs, indigenous

leaders, and underrepresented groups, with a view to building on the commitments of the Ninth Summit.

Finally, Mr. Antony Blinken announced that they had been informed by the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Dominican Republic, Mr. Roberto Álvarez, about his country's intention of hosting the Tenth Summit and highlighted that the United States fully supports this offer.

The Secretary of State's remarks were published in document [GRIC/M.2/INF.8/22](#).

Remarks by Luis Almagro, Secretary General of the Organization of American States (OAS)

The Secretary General of the OAS, Mr. Luis Almagro, thanked the Chair of the meeting and greeted the ministers of foreign affairs, National Summit Coordinators, and representatives of the JSWG. First, he stressed the relevance of the mandates adopted at the Ninth Summit for the theme of the fifty-second session of the OAS General Assembly: "Together against inequality and discrimination." He also congratulated the Government of the United States for its leadership and the innovative nature of the dialogue in preparation for the Ninth Summit. He emphasized that, despite the persistence of different visions in the Hemisphere, the Ninth Meeting achieved a consensus on several aspects. He stressed that the mandates adopted address the most urgent needs, as they aim to strengthen health systems in the face of future challenges, establish a digital transformation agenda, seek to address the climate crisis, and provide a response to the growing threats to democracy, always with particular attention to vulnerable and historically marginalized populations.

Secretary General Almagro also highlighted some of the initiatives announced by the Chair on the occasion of the Ninth Summit, such as the Los Angeles Declaration on Migration, the Partnership for Economic Prosperity of the Americas, and the alliance with the Caribbean to address the climate crisis.

Furthermore, he explained that, in the follow-up and implementation phase of the mandates of the Ninth Summit, the OAS is responsible for fostering cooperation among countries, focusing on reducing vulnerabilities, and developing capacities to reduce inequity. With regard to the action plans emanating from the Ninth Summit, such as those on digital transformation and democratic governance, he indicated that the Organization possesses capabilities in those areas.

Mr. Luis Almagro reiterated that achievement of the proposed goals requires cooperation among countries and with the JSWG entities, particularly in view of their technical and financial assistance capabilities. In this regard, he welcomed the Declaration of the JSWG signed on the occasion of the Ninth Summit and invited the entities to continue working in the same spirit.

Finally, the Secretary General reiterated the commitment of the Summits Secretariat to continue assisting the Chair and the participating States in this implementation phase, with the JSWG entities, civil society, and the ministerial processes as an integral part of the Summits Process.

Comments by delegations

The Minister of Foreign Affairs of Costa Rica, Dr. Arnaldo André Tinoco, reiterated his country's commitment to this new phase of the Ninth Summit. He emphasized that the issues addressed are key to regional economic and social recovery based on green and sustainable actions, with actions in the area of digitalization, and expressed his appreciation of the mandates related to democratic governance.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Dominican Republic, Mr. Roberto Álvarez, expressed his appreciation for the decision at this Second SIRG Ministerial Meeting to accept the Dominican Republic as host of the Tenth Summit of the Americas and explained that his country will continue to work closely with the United States to fulfill the mandates of the Ninth Summit. He reiterated his country's commitment to multilateralism and listed several events of similar magnitude that the Dominican Republic had hosted, such as the II Summit of the Organization of African, Caribbean and Pacific States, the XII Ibero-American Summit, the OAS General Assembly and the V Summit of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC). He also emphasized that the Dominican Republic is the pro tempore Chair of the Central American Integration System, as well as the Ibero-American Conference. He also stressed that his country would work for an inclusive Tenth Summit, collaborating with all countries and addressing the most relevant issues for the Americas. His remarks were published as document [GRIC/M.2/INF.9/22](#).

The Minister of Foreign Affairs of Peru, Mr. César Landa, thanked the Chair for his presentation on the results of the Ninth Summit and welcomed the provisions of the Notional Calendar, particularly the quarterly meetings and the creation of ad hoc technical groups. With regard to the document on democratic governance adopted at the Ninth Summit, he requested that its follow-up mechanism be in line with that corresponding to the Lima Commitment, which is currently being transferred onto OAS servers. He emphasized his delegation's interest in the development of the Action Plan on Health and Resilience.

Consideration and approval of the Proposed Calendar and Working Procedures within the framework of the implementation of the Ninth Summit of the Americas by the Chair of the SIRG

The Chair of the SIRG, Mr. Antony Blinken, presented the Calendar for consideration, emphasizing that it is a document open to review by the National Summit Coordinators. He stated that it proposes that the Chair convene experts from national governments to work jointly on implementation. He added that the SIRG would play a facilitating role in the negotiations of the Health Action Plan and, with respect to the remaining documents, that the Chair would convene the technical groups to coordinate joint efforts and monitor implementation efforts. He also stressed that throughout this process, civil society, the private sector, and youth would be consulted to ensure that those efforts yield results for the people of the Hemisphere.

There being no objections from the delegations, he approved the document entitled "Ninth Summit of the Americas Implementation: Notional Calendar and Working Procedures." The Notional Calendar was published as document [GRIC/M.2/doc.21/22 rev.1](#).

Open dialogue among the Ministers of Foreign Affairs

Ambassador Julio Arriola, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Paraguay, welcomed the presentation of the Notional Calendar and its relevance to the troubled international situation. He also reaffirmed his country's commitment to the search for collective solutions and stressed that it will continue to accompany the Summit Process in order to coordinate efforts for regional development and security.

Ambassador Luis Bermúdez, Head of the Uruguayan Delegation, highlighted the regularity of the SIRG meetings in the preparation and follow-up to the Ninth Summit and the arrangements for negotiating the texts, with working sessions followed by approval at higher-level meetings. He announced that in the following semester Uruguay would hold the pro tempore presidency of Mercosur and that in that role it would promote thematic axes similar to those agreed to at the Ninth Summit. He also voiced his appreciation of the preventive governance approach proposed in the health document, which seeks to address future challenges.

Ambassador Vásquez Gómez, Head of the Delegation of El Salvador, supported the presentation of the Calendar and explained that the results obtained would be measured by the impact on health and resilience, democratic governance, sustainability, energy transition, and digital transformation, and reiterated his country's willingness to follow up on the commitments.

The Chancellor of Suriname, Mr. Albert Ramdin, addressed the diversity of challenges facing the Hemisphere, particularly in relation to the specific challenges of the Caribbean, and requested that these be taken into account for the implementation phase of the Ninth Summit. He also stressed that the fulfillment of several mandates requires financing and technical support. In this regard, he proposed the inclusion of a meeting of the national finance ministries to ensure a correlation between the mandates and their respective national execution plans. He also stressed the need to translate the mandates into the agenda of the institutions of the inter-American system. He also requested that the SIRG address, in addition to the implementation of commitments, the most urgent challenges arising from the current regional context, such as climate change, economic recovery, and debt restructuring, the impact of the global conflict on economies, and hemispheric security. Finally, he called for more decisive incorporation of the private sector in the promotion of regional trade and investment.

Mr. Hugh Hilton Todd, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Guyana, indicated that the implementation of several of the commitments adopted requires effective support, including financing and capacity building. He also recalled that the development of the Health Action Plan was still pending and requested its prompt adoption. Finally, he stressed the need to work collaboratively with other stakeholders in this new phase.

Mr. Michael Grant, of the Canadian delegation, announced that his country was prepared to take a leadership role in the follow-up phase of the democracy document, as it had done during its preparation, as co-chair of its working group. He also expressed his appreciation for the inclusion of civil society in the follow-up phase and requested the inclusion of indigenous peoples and women's organizations.

Ambassador Martínez Pandiani of the delegation of Argentina, expressed his support for the proposals presented by the Chair, and highlighted the fact that they coincide with those identified by the pro tempore Presidency of CELAC in the Action Plan 2022. He also stressed that this phase of the Summit should adopt an inclusive approach, addressing vulnerable groups and women. With regard to

the democracy document, he reiterated his delegation's commitment to the promotion of human rights and inclusive democratic institutions, and with regard to the remaining documents, he said that Argentina hoped to continue working with the states on their implementation. He concluded by stressing that the nuances of the cultures and identities of the Hemisphere should be seen as instruments of integration.

Mr. Gustavo dos Santos Pereira, of the Brazilian delegation, emphasized that the commitments adopted at the Ninth Summit are fundamental for post-pandemic recovery and overcoming the region's structural problems. Regarding their implementation, he explained that the main responsibility of the SIRG should be to allow regular monitoring with a view to achieving an overview of progress made in the region. In this regard, he called for the identification of lines of action that require coordinated regional work, such as financing and resource mobilization, the generating of networks of experts for the exchange of experiences and best practices, and the strengthening of regional cooperation. He also recommended focusing on results and going beyond planning, bringing together the technical areas of governments, the private sector, social actors, and financial institutions, for which coordination between the SIRG, the Summits Secretariat, and the JSWG is essential. Finally, he stressed that the development agenda must once again be at the center of inter-American efforts.

With regard to the Action Plan on Health and Resilience, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Guatemala, Mr. Mario Búcaro Flores, underscored his country's commitment to the priorities outlined, while arguing that the implementation of several of its mandates fell within the national sphere. Regarding the green future document, he urged that multilateral efforts continue, while avoiding duplication. Regarding the energy document, he called for the outlining of a common resilience adaptation agenda. For the Action Plan on Democratic Governance, he explained that Guatemala would work on the joint implementation of the American Convention on Human Rights, the Inter-American Democratic Charter, and the OAS Charter.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs of Chile, Mrs. Antonia Urrejola Noguera, thanked Peru for organizing the General Assembly. She emphasized that the Summit Process represents an opportunity to promote dialogue without exclusions in order to avoid polarization and fragmentation of the Hemisphere. She also addressed the main points of difference between the delegations in the negotiations of the Ninth Summit documents, especially with respect to human rights language, while reiterating that for her government, the agreed language on women is insufficient. She also welcomed the presentation of the Notional Calendar and requested that deadlines be established for the States to make substantive contributions. Finally, she seconded Suriname's comments regarding financing and the involvement of multilateral banks.

The National Coordinator of Mexico, Mr. Efrain Guadarrama Pérez, stressed that his country is committed to multilateralism, dialogue, and the construction of common agendas. In this regard, he stressed that, at the last Summit, his country had worked for the development of a common agenda and supported proposals aimed at respecting countries' sovereignty. He also urged that the next Summit should be a space for inclusive dialogue open to all the voices of the Hemisphere.

Ambassador Ronald Sanders, National Summit Coordinator and Permanent Representative of Antigua and Barbuda to the OAS, noted that the Ninth Summit was a success, especially for the Caribbean, and welcomed the progress made. On the other hand, he expressed his concern about the effects of the Russian invasion of Ukraine and the cuts in oil production by the Organization of Petroleum Producing Countries (OPEC) and the disproportionate impact this has on smaller states. In

particular, he addressed the effects on tourism and food imports in the Caribbean islands and noted that, in the process leading up to the Tenth Summit, he hopes that the problems of small states will not be forgotten. With regard to the health situation, he called for pandemic resilience to remain a priority at future summits so as to avoid a repetition of the mistakes made during the COVID-19 crisis.

Ambassador of Haiti to the United States, Mr. Bocchit Edmond, highlighted the success of the Ninth Summit in addressing issues such as democratic governance, migration, and human rights. He reiterated his government's commitment to multilateralism to address common challenges.

Senator Leslie Campbell, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Trade of Jamaica, highlighted the consensus on the health plan and welcomed the efforts for its implementation, and stressed the need for technology transfer and capacity building. On the green future and energy documents, he stressed the importance of climate finance and the transition to clean energy and invited countries to work with regional entities to promote democratic governance. In addition, he explained that the Calendar establishes the basis for setting up working groups and coordination of efforts to promote national implementation of the mandates.

Ambassador Noel Lynch, Permanent Representative of Barbados to the OAS, congratulated the Chair for defining arrangements for implementing the mandates of the Ninth Summit. He then outlined what his delegation understood to be the three main phenomena affecting the Hemisphere: the high costs of living due to the war in Ukraine, the increase in debt levels due to the pandemic, and climate disasters. He also emphasized that, in addition to these three phenomena, there is monetary adjustment in developed countries and the strengthening of the dollar, which has a negative impact on other countries. In this regard, he called on leaders to promote a new financial system that promotes climate action and achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals. In order to achieve these objectives, he outlined a three-step proposal promoted by his government: the provision of emergency liquidity for the developing world, the expansion of multilateral lending to developing countries, and the generation of new multilateral mechanisms to encourage private sector savings for climate mitigation.

The SIRG Chair thanked the delegations for their interventions and, with regard to the comments made on the involvement of multilateral banks in the challenges facing the Hemisphere, noted that the States will soon elect a new leadership for the Inter-American Development Bank, which represents an opportunity in that regard.

Final considerations and adjournment of the meeting

A number of delegations and the OAS Secretary General congratulated the Dominican Republic on its offer to host the next Summit.

Without further comment, the Chair thanked the delegations and those who have worked in recent years for the office of the Chair of the Summit Process. He also stressed that he hopes that this political and logistical support will be extended to the Tenth Summit of the Americas, with the Dominican Republic as host country, for which he expressed his government's support. Finally, he said he hopes that the Los Angeles Summit will leave a legacy of building a sustainable, resilient, and equitable future. The Chair adjourned the meeting of October 6, 2022, at 9:56 a.m.