REMARKS BY THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE
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Thank you, Mr. Chair.

Distinguished Ministers of Foreign Affairs,

Heads of delegation,

On behalf of President Luis Abinader, as well as the Government and the people of the Dominican Republic, I thank you for the distinction and honor of accepting the Dominican Republic as host of the X Summit of the Americas at this ministerial-level meeting of the Summit Implementation Review Group.

We are especially grateful to the Government of the United States of America for initiating the Summits Process and maintaining it over time, and we will continue to work closely with the United States to meet the commitments adopted at the IX Summit.

The Dominican Republic is committed to multilateralism and in no doubt as to the importance of the opportunities provided by these international forums.

That vocation is reflected in our actions, and we have garnered enough experience to undertake an event of this magnitude.

We have already hosted important summits, assemblies, and ministerial and sectoral meetings, of which I would like to mention a few of the most significant: The Second Summit of the Organisation of African, Caribbean and Pacific States in 1999; the Twelfth Ibero-American Summit in 2002; Regular Sessions of the OAS General Assembly in 2006 and 2016; and the Fifth Summit of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States in 2017.

In addition, we currently hold the presidency pro tempore of the Central American Integration System, as well as the Ibero-American Conference, whose summit will be held in the Dominican Republic in March next year.

For this reason, it is an honor for our country to assume the responsibility of hosting the next Summit of the Americas, for which, as ever, we will do our utmost to ensure that it is impeccably organized in an inclusive manner.

We pledge to work closely with all countries to address the most pressing issues of our Hemisphere at this summit and to achieve the best possible outcomes.

Thank you very much.