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The First Regular Meeting of the Summit Implementation Review Group (SIRG) in 2024 was held virtually on February 20. The meeting addressed progress in the implementation of the mandates adopted at the Ninth Summit of the Americas.^{1/} The list of participants was published as document [GRIC/O.1/doc.103/24](#).

1. Opening session

In his welcoming remarks, Ambassador Rubén Silié, National Summits Coordinator of the Dominican Republic and Chair of the SIRG, noted that the meeting marked the beginning of a new chapter leading towards the Tenth Summit of the Americas in 2025. He recognized the leadership of the United States and the strong hemispheric agenda bequeathed by the Ninth Summit, while highlighting the crucial role of the Summits Secretariat and the valuable support of the Joint Summit Working Group (JSWG) institutions. He underscored the commitment of civil society and expressed his determination to work toward a more inclusive region. He said that it was a priority of the Dominican Republic to strengthen ties with all actors in the Summits process. Reflecting on the thirtieth anniversary of the Summit of the Americas, he expressed the Dominican Republic's desire for an inclusive and horizontal summit, emphasizing the importance of tolerance, good neighborliness, and the recognition that all sovereign states, regardless of size, had an important interest in the effective construction of development and peace. The chair emphasized his willingness to collaborate in regional integration and to prioritize inclusion and dialogue as essential tools of the process. Ambassador Silié's remarks were published as document [GRIC/O.1/INF.37/24](#).

Ambassador James Lambert, OAS Secretary for Hemispheric Affairs, expressed his satisfaction and highlighted the Dominican Republic's notable commitment to multilateralism, as evidenced by its recent effective management of the OAS General Assembly and the Ibero-American Summit. He praised the work of previous host countries and stressed the importance of approaching implementation measures with a strengthened process and more committed stakeholders. He thanked the United States for its determination to organize the most inclusive Summit to date. He also underscored the need to improve coordination in implementation and to strengthen the architecture of the Summits process. He concluded by reiterating the commitment of the OAS General Secretariat—

1. The agenda and schedule were published as documents [GRIC/O.1/doc.101/24](#) and [GRIC/O.1/doc.102/24](#), respectively. The list of documents was published as document [GRIC/O.1/doc.106/24](#).

through its Summits Secretariat, in its capacity as technical secretariat of the Summits process—to continue to provide the substantive support required by the Government of the Dominican Republic and the States in the preparations for the Tenth Summit, as well as to continue strengthening the participation and coordination of JSWG entities, civil society organizations, and social actors, and the inter-American ministerial processes in order to have a better coordinated implementation and thus strengthen the architecture of the Summits process. The remarks of the Secretary for Hemispheric Affairs were published as document [GRIC/O.1/INF.38/24](#).

2. Report of the Summits Secretariat on its work to support the Summits process

Ms. Maria Celina Conte, Director of the Summits Secretariat of the OAS, expressed her appreciation for the opportunity to present the report on the work carried out to strengthen the Summits process, especially during the follow-up and implementation phase of the Ninth Summit, but also ahead of the preparatory phase of the Tenth Summit.

Ms. Conte described significant efforts, including support in holding regular and ministerial meetings of the SIRG and the meetings of the ad hoc technical groups, with the participation of various stakeholders. She highlighted the collaboration with the JSWG entities and other entities to promote the effective implementation of mandates. In addition, she mentioned the preparation of reports on institutional contributions, highlighting the importance of working with the JSWG entities to provide timely inputs to inform discussions in preparation for the Tenth Summit. With regard to strengthening the participation of civil society organizations and social actors in the Summits process, she noted that various initiatives coordinated by the Summits Secretariat in collaboration with the Chair had been implemented. Those activities had been aimed at facilitating continuous dialogue and participatory consultations, ensuring the representation and voice of those groups at every stage of the process. In addition, its key role in the follow-up and implementation of mandates had been recognized.

Ms. Conte also said that significant efforts had been made to strengthen the capacities of civil society representatives and social actors. Training workshops had been organized on various topics, such as negotiation with a gender perspective, conflict resolution, and consensus building, among others. Those activities had provided practical tools to increase and strengthen their participation in the Summits process. That went hand in hand with the Summits Secretariat's promotion of an open and inclusive dialogue, ensuring diversity and representativeness in the participation of those actors. In addition, mechanisms had been developed to collect feedback effectively. Ms. Conte's presentation was published as document [GRIC/O.1/INF.39/24](#).

Comments by delegations

The Brazilian delegation expressed its appreciation to the United States for its work as President of the Summits process. It recognized the importance of the report on the activities of the Summits Secretariat and suggested strengthening its dissemination through the publication of a regular newsletter to give greater visibility to the initiatives that take place within the framework of the Summits process. It also welcomed the creation of an online platform for ad hoc technical groups but considered that its scope could be expanded to include more activities within the scope of the Summits process. Brazil also proposed fostering a greater connection between the Summits process and the OAS agenda to avoid duplication of efforts and strengthen complementarity. It also

advocated greater involvement of the Summits process in OAS ministerial meetings, in order to enrich the negotiation of documents from an early stage. As for future themes for the Summits process, Brazil proposed addressing social development, especially the fight against hunger and poverty, through the creation of a Global Partnership against Hunger and Poverty. It also favored bioeconomy solutions to coordinate social, environmental, and economic development in the Americas. Brazil's statement was published as document [GRIC/O.1/INF.52/24](#).

The delegation of Argentina wished the Dominican Republic every success and commended the participating States. It emphasized the value that Argentina placed on the Summits process and highlighted the importance of strengthening democracy and the search for greater support through an appropriate regional agenda. It mentioned the importance of establishing inclusive roadmaps and of encouraging the participation of experts in the ad hoc technical groups to strengthen policies in follow-up to the mandates from the Ninth Summit. Argentina also referred to initiatives to address the great challenges facing the Hemisphere and highlighted the participation of the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) in the Summits process, as well as efforts to strengthen civil society participation. It concluded by expressing its willingness to support and continue working under the leadership of the Dominican Republic in favor of initiatives that addressed the great challenges of the Hemisphere. The statement of Argentina was published as document [GRIC/O.1/INF.41/24](#).

The Jamaican delegation expressed its appreciation to the Summits Secretariat for its work and noted the value of the platform established for the Dominican Republic to assume leadership of the Summits process. It referenced the Lima Commitment: Democratic Governance against Corruption, adopted at the Eighth Summit, and highlighted the need to continue strengthening the participation of civil society, the private sector, and youth. It also stressed the importance of democratic governance for the protection of human rights and reiterated its commitment to green energy and strengthening health systems, especially in the post-pandemic context. It proposed strengthening the voice of small States in the forum and emphasized the importance of the Summits process for sustainability and regional development.

The Peruvian delegation congratulated the Dominican Republic, the United States, the Secretariat for Hemispheric Affairs, and the Summits Secretariat. Peru emphasized the importance of the Summits process as a space for dialogue and collaboration on issues such as democracy, human rights, and sustainable development, and it urged states to resume their report of progress on the Lima Commitment. It highlighted the value of the follow-up mechanism for mandates under the Lima Commitment to ensure concrete actions and tangible results, as well as for promoting transparency and accountability. Peru mentioned its support for the Dominican Republic as current President of the process and host of the Tenth Summit of the Americas, as well as expressing confidence that its leadership would strengthen regional cooperation and integration. The statement of Peru was published as document [GRIC/O.1/INF.45/24](#).

3. Report on the status of implementation of the Ninth Summit of the Americas

Ambassador Francisco O. Mora, National Summit Coordinator of the United States, expressed his country's support for the President of the Summits process, the Government of the Dominican Republic. He also expressed his appreciation for the continued commitment demonstrated by all delegations during the implementation phase of the Ninth Summit of the Americas. He especially highlighted the active participation in the ad hoc technical groups, which, he said, had

played a key role in promoting regional cooperation and implementing the commitments and mandates adopted at the Summit. He said that highly important issues had been addressed at the 16 meetings held to date, including cybersecurity, promotion of clean energy, and environmental protection. He particularly noted the negotiation of the Action Plan on Health and Resilience in the Americas adopted by the Ministers of Foreign Affairs at the ministerial-level meeting of the SIRG in 2023.

He also highlighted the active participation of technical experts from all over the region at those meetings, whose valuable input made a significant contribution to the progress of the discussions and the achievement of tangible results. The collaboration and constructive dialogue with representatives of civil society, the private sector, and youth at different levels of the process were also recognized, enabling the commitments made by governments to be translated into concrete actions for the benefit of the citizens of the Americas. In that context, he stressed the importance of continuing to strengthen transparency, accountability, and multilateral cooperation for a more sustainable, resilient, equitable future for the region. Ambassador Mora's presentation was published as document [GRIC/O.1/INF.40/24](#).

Comments by delegations

The Chilean delegation emphasized the key role that the Summits had played as forums for dialogue and collaboration in the region. It highlighted the importance of the ad hoc technical groups as key tools to address complex challenges. Referring to the year 2005, when the Fourth Summit in Mar del Plata addressed the issue of security and drug trafficking, the delegation pointed out that several factors had contributed in recent years to an increase in violence, insecurity, and the sophistication of criminal organizations, surpassing even state apparatus in their level of organization. While appreciating the efforts made to date, the Chilean delegation stressed the urgency of rethinking collaboration strategies more decisively, as well as addressing human security and organized crime in the region.

The Canadian delegation expressed its recognition of the success of the Ninth Summit. It also thanked the Summits Secretariat for staying on course in implementing the results of the Summit. Regarding the implementation report, it said that the action plans had served as valuable blueprints for addressing shared priorities. Canada committed to working with all participating States on the action plans and recognized the value of the ad hoc technical groups in keeping States on track. It appreciated the inclusion of diverse stakeholders, such as experts and civil society, and emphasized that this contributed to a more credible and effective implementation of Summit mandates. It also highlighted the support provided to 263 women's organizations in the Summits process through a project implemented by the Summits Secretariat and called for the continued inclusion of women's, civil society, youth, and indigenous representatives in the various forums in the process. Lastly, it expressed its hope to collaborate with the Dominican Republic and the participating States in the preparations for the Tenth Summit. Canada's statement was published as document [GRIC/O.1/INF.42/24](#).

4. National and institutional reports on the implementation of the mandates of the Ninth Summit of the Americas

The delegation of the Dominican Republic expressed its appreciation for the convocation of the first regular meeting of the SIRG in 2024, highlighting it as an opportunity to share progress in the implementation of the mandates of the Ninth Summit of the Americas. It noted the commitment and enthusiasm of the Dominican Government ahead of the Tenth Summit of the Americas and acknowledged the importance of the participation of the region's States for the success of future summits. It emphasized the implementation of various public policies aligned with the five core themes of the Ninth Summit, highlighting achievements such as the modernization of the judiciary and the creation of initiatives such as the "Services Map" for gender protection. It also mentioned actions in the areas of digital transformation, environmental sustainability, and clean energy, demonstrating the country's commitment to sustainable development and regional collaboration. Lastly, it reiterated the Dominican Republic's willingness to move forward in unison towards more just and resilient societies and thanked the United States for its leadership of the Ninth Summit. The statement of the Dominican Republic was published as document [GRIC/O.1/INF.46/24](#).

The delegation of Guatemala expressed its appreciation for the United States, the Dominican Republic, the Summits Secretariat, and the ad hoc technical groups for their role in the implementation of the mandates of the Ninth Summit. It mentioned its willingness to continue collaborating with the Dominican Republic for the benefit of the region. It highlighted the importance of health in Guatemalan agendas and policies and mentioned significant enhancements in medical infrastructure. In the area of digital transformation, it alluded to the promotion of the open-government agenda and training programs. Regarding the just transition to clean, sustainable, renewable energy, it underscored the commitment and focus on energy efficiency as a fundamental pillar of the national energy strategy. It concluded by reiterating his country's commitment to work for the benefit of the Hemisphere. The statement of Guatemala was published as document [GRIC/O.1/INF.44/24](#).

The Costa Rican delegation recognized and highlighted the joint effort that had enabled significant progress in the implementation of the mandates of the Ninth Summit. It emphasized the importance of each document adopted and acknowledged the crucial role of the private sector, academia, and civil society in their implementation. It underscored the importance of discussing challenges related to democracy, human rights, security, equity, and environmental challenges and pledged to address them from a regional standpoint. It highlighted its active participation in the Ad Hoc Technical Group on Democratic Governance and supported the Dominican Republic's proactive leadership in the new cycle of the Summits process. The statement of Costa Rica was published as document [GRIC/O.1/INF.43/24](#).

The Canadian delegation mentioned its participation in all 16 meetings of the ad hoc technical groups, involving experts in various areas, and described the implementation of Summit mandates through legislation, national action plans, strategies, and other mechanisms. Canada mentioned its commitment to the Action Plan on Health and Resilience in the Americas, as evidenced by the strengthening of health systems and access to vaccines with a focus on gender and human rights. In terms of the Regional Agenda for Digital Transformation, it said that Canada continued to be guided in its efforts by its National Cybersecurity Strategy. It said that it had coordinated with other participating states on cybersecurity strategies and was committed to the transition to clean and renewable energy to address the challenges of climate change. In the area of energy transition, Canada was committed to achieving net zero emissions by 2050 and noted that it had doubled its climate finance for developing countries. With regard to the mandates on democratic governance, it had been supporting electoral observation and technical assistance to strengthen local electoral

systems, in addition to promoting the orderly follow-up on Summits commitments and results. The statement of Canada was published as document [GRIC/O.1/INF.42/24](#).

The delegations having concluded their statements, the Chair invited those JSWG entities wishing to make comments to request the floor.

The OAS Department of Sustainable Development provided an update on the work carried out on the implementation of mandates from the Ninth Summit, highlighting the Sixth Ministerial Meeting of the Energy and Climate Partnership of the Americas (ECPA) in the Dominican Republic. It referred to the meeting's robust agenda, including 13 side events on topics such as energy resilience and methane emissions reduction. It underscored a meeting on accelerating the just energy transition to be held jointly with the Summits Secretariat and recalled the Department's support for the ministerial meeting on sustainable development held in the Bahamas, at which the Bahamas Declaration and the Climate Action Plan of the Americas had been signed, outlining strategies to protect resources and combat climate change. It expressed a continued commitment to work with all delegations to build a more sustainable region. The statement of the OAS Department of Sustainable Development was published as document [GRIC/O.1/INF.47/24](#).

The Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) appreciated the efforts in accountability and the dialogue between the public and private sectors. It highlighted the active participation of Bank experts in the ad hoc technical groups, seeking synergies and evaluating progress in the implementation of commitments. It noted the importance of such spaces for private-sector actors to provide feedback to the Summits process and contribute to its implementation. It concluded by reaffirming the commitment of the IDB to these collaborative processes.

The United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) underscored its continued support for the Summits process. It pointed out ECLAC's strategic line focused on health, aimed at generating evidence to move towards universal and comprehensive health systems and the development of resilient health systems. Regarding digital transformation, it highlighted policy dialogue and ongoing technical support, and referenced the recent launch of the observatory to analyze data and detect trends in the region. In the area of democratic governance, it noted that in 2023, through the Institute for Economic and Social Planning, ECLAC had promoted key issues for governments to develop concrete initiatives. The statement of ECLAC was published as document [GRIC/O.1/INF.48/24](#).

PAHO recognized the commitment of the participating States to implementing the mandates of the Ninth Summit of the Americas. It particularly highlighted the commitment adopted in Los Angeles and the Action Plan on Health and Resilience in the Americas adopted in Washington at ministerial-level meeting of the SIRG in 2023, which strengthened regional efforts to address common health challenges. PAHO highlighted progress on key initiatives such as strengthening of health systems, regional manufacturing capacity for medical supplies, public health emergency preparedness, information systems and digital health, collaboration in environmental health, and prevention of non-communicable diseases. It reiterated his commitment to political dialogue and cooperation to address health challenges in the region. The statement of PAHO was published as document [GRIC/O.1/INF.49/24](#).

The Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) stressed the importance of implementing the agenda from the Ninth Summit to strengthen resilience and sustainability in the

Hemisphere. It underscored the need for an integrated approach among the various stakeholders to advance the five thematic areas in which mandates were adopted and achieve socioeconomic and environmental transformation in the region. It also reiterated the commitment to support the Summits process and transform the agricultural sector to generate significant impacts on people's lives in the Hemisphere. The statement of IICA was published as document [GRIC/O.1/INF.50/24](#).

The International Labour Organization (ILO) expressed its continued support for the Summits of the Americas process and highlighted its collaboration with the United States and the Dominican Republic as presidents of the process. It acknowledged the impact of the pandemic on labor and social issues and advocated for social justice as an integral part of policy agendas. In relation to health and resilience, the ILO highlighted the importance of strengthening social protection systems and promoting a gender approach in response to the crisis. It also emphasized the transition to a green economy and the importance of addressing gender inequalities in climate change. Regarding the energy transition, it stressed the need for just-transition policies to ensure decent jobs in a context of decarbonization. In the area of digital transformation, the ILO stressed the importance of understanding and regulating digital platform work to ensure decent working conditions. Lastly, it reiterated its commitment to democratic governance and the promotion of decent work as fundamental mainstays of its work in the region. The statement of the ILO was published as document [GRIC/O.1/INF.51/24](#).

The Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) highlighted its program in Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC), which had actively supported the Summits process as well as the implementation of mandates such as the Lima Commitment and those related to a green future and a just and sustainable energy transition, derived from the Ninth Summit. It noted the focus on social issues, with an ongoing commitment to sustainability to track progress. The OECD reiterated its support for the region and its commitment to its development.

Ambassador Lambert highlighted the valuable contribution of the JSWG in the development of the Summits process and mentioned the wealth of technical and financial resources that could be contributed to those efforts. On behalf of the JSWG Chair, he expressed the intention to bring to bear the technical expertise and expert resources of different areas of the OAS General Secretariat to ensure the success of the Tenth Summit. He announced that the JSWG would hold its first technical meeting in the near future to compile elements to be considered at future SIRG meetings.

5. Final considerations, other business and adjournment of the meeting

In the absence of any additional comments, the Chair thanked the delegations and the JSWG entities for their active participation, and the OAS and its Summits Secretariat for their commitment to ensuring the success of the Summits process.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:38 a.m. on February 20, 2024.