

AG/RES. 2518 (XXXIX-O/09)

FOLLOW-UP AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MANDATES OF THE  
DECLARATION OF COMMITMENT OF PORT OF SPAIN  
OF THE FIFTH SUMMIT OF THE AMERICAS <sup>44/</sup>

(Adopted at the fourth plenary session, held on June 4, 2009)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN resolutions AG/RES.. 2190 (XXXVI-O/06) and AG/RES.. 2338 (XXXVII-O/07), "Support for and Follow-up to the Summits of the Americas Process," as well as AG/RES.. 2393 (XXXVIII-O/08);

CONSIDERING:

That the Fifth Summit of the Americas was held in Port of Spain, Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, from April 17 to 19, 2009, under the theme "Securing our Citizens' Future by Promoting Human Prosperity, Energy Security, and Environmental Sustainability";<sup>43/</sup>

That the Heads of State and Government adopted the Declaration of Commitment of Port of Spain, which expressed *inter alia* their determination to intensify the fight against poverty, inequality, hunger, social exclusion, discrimination, and inequality in order to improve the living conditions of the people of the Hemisphere as well as to achieve development and social justice;

That the Statement of the Chairman of the Fifth Summit of the Americas, the Honourable Patrick Manning, Prime Minister of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, which was issued on April 19, 2009, informs of the discussions of the Heads of State and Government at the Leaders' Retreat held on April 19, 2009<sup>43/</sup>

That the Heads of State and Government recognized that the issues of human prosperity, energy security, and environmental sustainability are closely intertwined and that an integrated, coherent policy framework is essential to the achievement of the commitments made to the people of the Hemisphere in the Declaration of Commitment of Port of Spain;<sup>43/</sup>

That the Summits of the Americas process and the initiatives and mandates adopted at the First Summit of the Americas (Miami, 1994), the Summit of the Americas on Sustainable Development (Santa Cruz de la Sierra, 1996), the Second Summit of the Americas (Santiago, 1998), the Third Summit of the Americas (Quebec City, 2001), the Special Summit of the Americas (Monterrey, 2004), the Fourth Summit of the Americas (Mar del Plata, 2005), and the Fifth Summit

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44. The Government of Nicaragua wishes to place on record its express reservation to the Declaration of the Fifth Summit of the Americas, held in Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago. At that event, Nicaragua expressed its position that it considered the Declaration of the Fifth Summit of the Americas unacceptable and insufficient, since it did not address a series of topics of high importance to the Hemisphere, discussion of which remains pending. Neither does Nicaragua agree to such reference to that Declaration as may be contained in such different resolutions as may be adopted at the regular session of the OAS General Assembly. Nicaragua reaffirms that the items on the agenda for the General Assembly should be prepared based on the debates and discussions of the Heads of State and Government in Trinidad and Tobago.

of the Americas (Port of Spain, 2009) have established political, economic, and social priorities for the Hemisphere that determine the inter-American agenda;<sup>43/</sup>

That the Organization of American States (OAS) is the foremost political forum for dialogue and cooperation among the countries of the Hemisphere and that the Heads of State and Government have recognized its central role in supporting the implementation of Summit mandates;

That, at the Fifth Summit, the Heads of State and Government called on the technical secretariats of all the inter-American Ministerial meetings to inform their ministers and high level authorities, of the mandates arising from the Fifth Summit and to initiate strategic actions, by the end of 2009, to facilitate the implementation of the commitments in the Declaration;<sup>43/</sup>

That the Heads of State and Government, also called upon the General Secretariat of the OAS, in accordance with its central role in supporting the implementation of Summit mandates and, in coordination with the Joint Summit Working Group (JSWG), to provide a comprehensive report to the Summit Implementation Review Group (SIRG) annually on the actions and progress made at all inter American Ministerial meetings in support of Summit objectives; and

That the Heads of State and Government further called upon the member institutions of the JSWG to develop coordinated programs of action aimed at achieving the goals of the Americas as set out in the Declaration of Commitment of Port of Spain; and<sup>43/</sup>

RECOGNIZING the importance of the Committee on Inter-American Summits Management and Civil Society Participation in OAS Activities (CISC), of the Permanent Council of the OAS, which is charged with coordinating the activities that the Summits of the Americas assign to the Organization of American States and civil society participation in OAS activities and the Summits process,

#### RESOLVES:

1. To reaffirm the commitments adopted by the Heads of State and Government in the Declaration of Commitment of Port of Spain of the Fifth Summit of the Americas.<sup>43/</sup>

2. To urge member states to implement, promote, and disseminate the commitments made in the Declaration of Commitment of Port of Spain of the Fifth Summit of the Americas.<sup>43/</sup>

3. To bear in mind issues contained in the Statement by the Chairman of the Fifth Summit of the Americas, the Honourable Patrick Manning, Prime Minister of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago which informs of the discussions of the Heads of State and Government, on the reintegration of Cuba into the inter-American system; the global financial crisis, the Declaration of Commitment of Port of Spain; and Haiti. .<sup>43/ 45/</sup>

4. To encourage the organs, agencies, and entities of the inter-American system, as well as agencies within the United Nations system and other institutions participating in the Joint Summit Working Group, to assign priority to implementation of the initiatives contained in the Declaration of

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45. The United States reserves on this paragraph. The Statement of the Chairman provides the Summit host's perspective on issues discussed at the Summit, but was not negotiated by member states and is therefore not a consensus document. As such, it should not be cited as an authoritative reference with respect to Summit follow-up

Commitment of Port of Spain of the Fifth Summit of the Americas, and to report regularly to the Committee on Inter-American Summits Management and Civil Society Participation in OAS Activities (CISC) on the progress made in implementing the adopted mandates and commitments.<sup>43/</sup>

5. To instruct the OAS General Secretariat to carry out, promote, and disseminate the initiatives and commitments adopted at the Fifth Summit of the Americas that were entrusted to the OAS in the Declaration of Commitment of Port of Spain.<sup>1/</sup>

6. To instruct the OAS General Secretariat to coordinate with the other OAS organs and entities and with the institutions of the Joint Summit Working Group in following up on the commitments established in the Declaration of Commitment of Port of Spain of the Fifth Summit of the Americas.<sup>1/</sup>

7. To instruct the General Secretariat to report to the General Assembly at its fortieth regular session on the implementation of this resolution, the execution of which shall be subject to the availability of financial resources in the program-budget of the Organization and other resources.