

AG/RES. 2520 (XXXIX-O/09)

SUPPORT FOR AND FOLLOW-UP TO THE
SUMMITS OF THE AMERICAS PROCESS

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

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT the initiatives emanating from 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 of the Americas (Port of Spain, 2009);^{47/}

BEARING IN MIND the Declaration of Commitment of Port of Spain of the Fifth Summit of the Americas, held in the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, from April 17 to 19, 2009;^{47/}

BEARING IN MIND ALSO 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;

RECALLING that, through resolution AG/RES.. 1349 (XXV-O/95), the General Assembly established a special committee of the Permanent Council on inter-American summits management, and that, at its meeting of July 31, 2002, the Permanent Council decided to merge it with the Committee on Civil Society Participation in OAS Activities, thereby creating the Committee on Inter-American Summits Management and Civil Society Participation in OAS Activities (CISC), in order to ensure effective, timely, and appropriate follow-up of the activities assigned to the Organization by the Summits of the Americas and to coordinate the Organization's preparation, participation, and follow-up with regard to future Summits;

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT the acknowledgment by the Third Summit of the function that the CISC fulfills in coordinating the efforts of the OAS in supporting the Summits of the Americas process and in serving as a forum for civil society to contribute to that process; as well as the establishment of the Summits Secretariat;

RECALLING that at Summits of the Americas, Heads of State and Government recognized the important role played by the OAS in the implementation of decisions of the Summits of the Americas and as technical secretariat of the Summits process;

47. 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.

RECOGNIZING the work of the Joint Summit Working Group, comprising the Organization of American States, the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), the World Bank, the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA), the Andean Development Corporation (CAF), the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB), the Central American Bank for Economic Integration (CABEI), the Institute for Connectivity in the Americas (ICA), the International Organization for Migration (IOM), and the International Labour Organization (ILO); and

RECOGNIZING ALSO the increasing emphasis placed by the Heads of State and Government on the importance of coordinated, timely, and effective follow-up of the Summits of the Americas mandates,

RESOLVES:

1. To urge member states to continue to implement the commitments of the Summits of the Americas and to promote and disseminate them within their respective national administrations.

2. To renew the mandate to the Permanent Council to coordinate the activities assigned to the Organization of American States (OAS) by the Summits of the Americas.

3. To instruct the organs, agencies, and entities of the Organization to continue to give the highest priority to carrying out the initiatives assigned to them by the General Assembly, in accordance with the mandates of the Summits of the Americas, and to report regularly on these activities, as appropriate, to the Permanent Council, the Inter-American Council for Integral Development (CIDI), and the Committee on Inter-American Summits Management and Civil Society Participation in OAS Activities (CISC).

4. To request that the General Secretariat, through the Summits of the Americas Secretariat, continue to serve as the institutional memory and secretariat of the Summits of the Americas process, continue to support follow-up and dissemination of Summit mandates, continue to offer support to member states in implementing the mandates of the Declaration of Commitment of Port of Spain, and of future Summits, and in following up on the issues identified in the Statement by the Chairman of the Fifth Summit of the Americas; additionally, continue to support preparatory efforts and technical coordination for the next Summit of the Americas, due to be held in or before 2012.

5. To instruct the Permanent Council to continue to promote and facilitate the participation of social actors, including civil society, labor organizations, indigenous groups, the private sector and the youth, in the Summits of the Americas process and in activities related to topics assigned to the OAS by that process, as well as the efforts of member states to foster such participation.

6. To request the General Secretariat to report to the CISC and to the Summit Implementation Review Group (SIRG) on the implementation and follow-up of the commitments undertaken in the Declaration of Commitment of Port of Spain, bearing in mind the Statement by the Chairman of the Fifth Summit of the Americas, as well as the commitments of prior Summits, the implementation of which are still ongoing.^{1/}

7. To instruct the General Secretariat to continue, through the Joint Summit Working Group, chaired by the OAS Summits Secretariat, to coordinate and promote the implementation and follow-up, of the mandates of the Summits of the Americas, in all agencies. To request, further, that it hold at least one meeting of agency heads each year to review progress made and plan joint activities, as a complement to the regular interagency meetings and provide assistance in the preparatory activities for the next Summit of the Americas, scheduled to be held in or before 2012.

8. To request the General Secretariat to continue providing the necessary support for ministerial and sectoral meetings related to the implementation of Summit mandates and commitments on topics of interest to the OAS.

9. To request the General Secretariat to make efforts, through the Summits Secretariat and the member states, to promote and disseminate among the various social actors the mandates, commitments, and results emanating from the Summits of the Americas so that these actors may contribute to their implementation.

10. To urge member states to continue contributing to the Specific Fund for the Summit Implementation Review Group in order to provide financial support for the Group's activities.

11. To request the General Secretariat to submit to the Permanent Council, through the Summits Secretariat, systematic and detailed information on the budgetary and financial management of said Specific Fund.

12. To request the General Secretariat to strengthen the Summits Secretariat by providing it with the human and financial resources it needs to support follow-up and dissemination of the mandates of the Summits of the Americas.

13. To instruct the General Secretariat to carry out the activities mentioned in this resolution within the resources allocated in the program-budget of the Organization and other resources; and to instruct the Secretary General to seek additional voluntary funds to carry out the activities mentioned in this resolution.

14. To instruct the General Secretariat to report to the General Assembly at its fortieth regular session on the implementation of this resolution.