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Importance of the Summits of the Americas Process

**Partnership for prosperity** based on democratic practice and the strengthening of democratic institutions.

Only forum for **hemispheric dialogue** at the highest political level:

- Analysis of difficulties
- Search for solutions

**to improve the quality of life of the peoples of the Americas.**
A Message of Unity

The Hemisphere:

- Will present itself as a **unified whole** to the rest of the world
- Will send a message of **unity** and **opportunities** to the international community
A brief and specific Declaration to transmit, to the peoples of the Americas and of the world:

A clear political message:

The Hemisphere as a region of **opportunities** and resolved to overcome its **difficulties** through:

- **Partnerships for cooperation**
- **Combined efforts to attain higher rates of growth and prosperity.**
And ...

With mandates that are:

- Specific
- Attainable
- Measurable
- Backed by resources
- Equipped with monitoring mechanisms

that will provide effective solutions to problems, in particular the poverty faced by millions of people
The Americas: A Hemisphere of Opportunities

Human capital that is young and qualified; rich in natural resources and sources of energy; consistent economic growth; political stability and financial soundness; attractive market because of its size and population; opportunities for investment and for those wishing to participate in its project of wellbeing and integral development.

This is the DECADE OF THE AMERICAS
Ready to face up to its difficulties

High levels of poverty and social inequality
Ready to face up to its difficulties

Natural disasters
Ready to face up to its difficulties

Insecurity and transnational organized crime
Ready to face up to its difficulties

Underdevelopment in access to and use of technology
By strengthening ...

Partnerships for cooperation

Physical integration
Partnerships for Cooperation

Design of innovative instruments and programs to reduce poverty and inequality and to interact with the institutional partners of the Summits process in order to encourage:

• More fluid and productive hemispheric relations ("partnership for prosperity")

✓ Reduction of asymmetries
Physical integration

✓ **Development of infrastructure**: Ports and airports; interconnected energy; air, road, and maritime connections

✓ **Greater efforts**: will create development and investment resources

✓ **Subregional experiences**: UNASUR/IIRSA and Meso-America Project
To summarize...

- Taking advantage of opportunities
- Overcoming difficulties
- Specific, measurable, attainable mandates with guaranteed funding.
- Higher levels of development and equality
- Partnerships for cooperation and physical integration
A Summit with results

- Promotion of development and equality in the Hemisphere
- An opportunity for a more dynamic and productive hemispheric relationship
- Positioning the Hemisphere as a leading global player
- A strengthened Summits process