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WORK PLAN OF THE
SUMMIT IMPLEMENTATION REVIEW GROUP (SIRG)
For the period April 2011 to April 2012

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I. INTRODUCTION AND FUNCTIONS

The Summit Implementation Review Group (SIRG) is the lead agency for the Summits of the Americas process and is responsible for reporting, through the ministers of foreign affairs, on the steps taken in pursuit of the commitments of the Summits of the Americas. The SIRG is responsible for facilitating coordination among the national coordinators, and for ensuring due follow-up and compliance with the Summit commitments, by analyzing the annual national reports of the member states and other reports that describe the steps taken and progress made at the inter-American ministerials and other high-level meetings that study or are otherwise related to Summit commitments.

The SIRG also maintains an open dialogue and promotes cooperation with the institutional partners that make up the Joint Summit Working Group (JSWG);¹ it conducts preparations for the next Summit; it submits annual reports on the progress made in pursuit of the Summit commitments to the SIRG's ministerial-level meetings; it receives contributions and recommendations made by civil society organizations and other stakeholders; and it studies the relevant reports from the OAS Permanent Council's Committee on Inter-American Summits Management and Civil Society Participation in OAS Activities (CISC).

II. AUTHORITIES

At the second ministerial-level meeting of the SIRG in 2009, held in Washington, D.C., on September 21, 2009, the Chair of the Summit of the Americas was transferred from the Republic of

¹ The JSWG comprises the following organizations: the Organization of American States (OAS), the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), the World Bank Group, the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA), the Central American Bank for Economic Integration (CABEI), the Andean Development Corporation (CAF), the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB), the International Organization for Migration (IOM), the International Labour Organization (ILO), and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

Trinidad and Tobago to the Republic of Colombia. At the ceremony, the Hon. Paula Gopee-Scoon, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, handed over to the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Colombia, Jaime Bermúdez Merizalde, the Inukshuk statue that has become the symbol of the Summits of the Americas, thereby officially transferring the Chair of the Summit of the Americas to the Government of Colombia.

III. STRUCTURE

The SIRG is the lead agency of the Summits of the Americas Process, which reports back to the heads of state and government, through the ministers of foreign affairs, on its monitoring of the implementation of the Summit mandates.

The SIRG is made up of the ministers of foreign affairs of the OAS member states. In turn, the national Summit coordinators from the foreign ministries ensure agile ties, through the relevant channels, with all the government agencies involved in meeting the mandates arising from the Summits.

Executive Council

In accordance with the Plan of Action of the Third Summit of the Americas, held in Québec City in 2001, the SIRG has an Executive Council, comprising representatives from the subregions, the host countries of previous Summits, and Brazil. The Executive Council is responsible for following up on Summit initiatives, maximizing coherence with the subregional Summits, working in conjunction with the institutional partners represented on the JSWG, and promoting the participation of and partnerships with subregional foundations, civil society, and the business and volunteer sectors, in support of the mandates and commitments of the Summits.

Steering Committee

The SIRG has a permanent Steering Committee, composed of the hosts of the previous, current, and future Summits, which assists the Summit Chair in preparations for future Summits, including the preparation of the meetings of the SIRG.

IV. ACTIVITIES FOR THE PERIOD APRIL 2011 TO APRIL 2012

Over the April 2011 to April 2012 period, the SIRG is to be responsible for all matters related to preparations for the Sixth Summit of the Americas, to be held in Cartagena de Indias on April 14 and 15, 2012. In pursuit of that mandate, the SIRG is to carry out the following activities over the period in question:

- Reviewing the member states' national reports on their progress with implementing the mandates of the previous Summits of the Americas.
- Reporting to the ministers of foreign affairs, at the regular session of the OAS General Assembly to be held in June 2011, on the progress made with implementing the mandates of the previous Summits of the Americas.

- Receiving reports from the agencies represented on the Joint Summit Working Group on the progress made in complying with the mandates of the previous Summits of the Americas.
- Receiving reports on the actions taken and progress made at the inter-American ministerial meetings to be held between April 2011 and March 2012.
- Studying and negotiating the draft final document of the Sixth Summit of the Americas, to be presented by the host country.
 - For this endeavor, the SIRG will consider a negotiation method, to be prepared and presented by the Chair, in order to set the parameters that will guide negotiations on the final document of the Sixth Summit of the Americas.
 - In addition, during the negotiations of the final document, the SIRG may receive technical presentations on the topic chosen by the Chair of the Summit from the various agencies represented on the JSWG. The aim is to provide the members of the SIRG with the technical tools needed for the negotiation process.
- Receiving reports from the host country on logistics, scheduling issues, and other activities for the Sixth Summit.

V. PROVISIONAL CALENDAR OF SIRG MEETINGS

The calendar below contains a provisional proposal for SIRG meetings in preparation for the Sixth Summit, indicating the topics to be dealt with at each of the meetings of the SIRG.

<u>DATE / PLACE</u>	<u>TOPIC</u>
April 11, 2011 Washington, D.C.	<u>Regular meeting of the SIRG</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Study of the Work Plan of the Summit Implementation Review Group (SIRG)▪ Review of the member states' national reports on their progress with implementing the Summit mandates (in preparation for the SIRG Ministerial to be held in June 2011 at the OAS General Assembly)▪ Presentation by the JSWG agencies on the implementation of the Summit mandates
June 7, 2011 San Salvador, El Salvador	<u>Ministerial meeting</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Presentation by the Government of Colombia▪ Presentation by the Summits of the Americas Secretariat of the OAS on mandate implementation and follow-up, in accordance with the member states' national reports▪ Dialogue among the member states
September 16, 2011 Washington, D.C.	<u>Regular meeting of the SIRG</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Presentation of the draft final documents of the Sixth Summit of the Americas by the host country▪ Dialogue among the member states on the topic of the Sixth Summit▪ Consideration of the proposed procedural guidelines for the

negotiation of the final documents of the VI Summit of the Americas

October 11 and 12, 2011
Washington, D.C.

Regular meeting of the SIRG

- Presentation on the XIX Inter-American Travel Congress
- Continued consideration of the proposed procedural guidelines for the negotiation of the final documents of the VI Summit of the Americas
- Consideration of the draft final documents of the Sixth Summit of the Americas
 - Theme: Natural Disasters

November 7 and 8, 2011
Washington, D.C.

Regular meeting of the SIRG

- Presentation on the XVII Inter-American Conference of Ministers of Labor
- Presentation on the Meeting of Ministers of Agriculture of the Americas 2011
- Consideration of the draft final documents of the Sixth Summit of the Americas
 - Theme: Poverty and Inequality

December 8 and 9, 2011
Washington, D.C.

Regular meeting of the SIRG

- Presentation on the Fifth Inter-American Meeting of Ministers and Highest Authorities of Culture
- Presentation on the Third Meeting of Ministers of Public Security (Trinidad and Tobago, November 2011)
- Presentation on the Third Meeting of Ministers and High-level Authorities of Science and Technology
- Consideration of the draft final documents of the Sixth Summit of the Americas
 - Theme: Technologies

January 19 and 20, 2012
Washington, D.C.

Regular meeting of the SIRG

- Consideration of the draft final documents of the Sixth Summit of the Americas
 - Theme: Security

February 13 – 15, 2012
Cartagena de Indias,
Colombia

Regular meeting of the SIRG

- Consideration of the draft final documents of the Sixth Summit of the Americas
 - Theme: Infrastructure
 - Political Declaration

March 14 – 16, 2012
Washington, D.C.

Regular meeting of the SIRG

- Consideration of the draft final documents of the Sixth Summit of the Americas
 - Theme: Partnership for Development
 - Political Declaration

Week of April 9, 2012
Cartagena de Indias,
Colombia

Official Meeting of Plenipotentiaries

- Consideration of the draft final documents of the Sixth Summit of the Americas
 - Political Declaration

April 13, 2012
Cartagena de Indias,
Colombia

Ministerial meeting

- Ministerial-level dialogue with civil society organizations