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COMMUNIQUE OF THE HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT OF THE AMERICAS ON  
THE “VI AMERICAS COMPETITIVENESS FORUM: INNOVATION FOR PROSPERITY”  
TO BE HELD IN CALI, COLOMBIA, FROM OCTOBER 24 TO 26, 2012

The Heads of State and Government of the Americas, gathered at Cartagena for the Sixth Summit of the Americas:

Appreciate the efforts and leadership of Chile, the United States, and the Dominican Republic as past hosts and chairs *pro tempore* of the Americas Competitiveness Forum, of the Annual Meeting of the Inter-American Competitiveness Network (RIAC), and of the Meeting of Ministers of Economy, Finance, Industry, and Trade in 2009, 2010, and 2011;

Recognize the importance of holding the VI Americas Competitiveness Forum, of the Annual Meeting of the RIAC, and of the Meeting of Ministers of Economy, Finance, Industry, and Trade, and invite all states to participate through their highest competitiveness authorities and to promote the participation of small<sup>1/</sup> and medium-sized enterprises and cooperatives;

Take satisfaction in the fact that Colombia, as Chair *Pro Tempore* of the RIAC, will host the VI Americas Competitiveness Forum, which will be held in Cali, Colombia, from October 24 to 26, 2012;

Are grateful to the Government of Panama for agreeing to host the VII Americas Competitiveness Forum in 2013, and note that the Government of Trinidad and Tobago has submitted a formal offer to host the VIII Americas Competitiveness Forum in 2014.

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1. The delegation of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines joins consensus on the Communiqué on the basis that the word “micro” is inserted with reference to small and medium enterprises.