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COMMUNIQUE OF THE HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT ON
THE HOLDING OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF MINISTERS OF FOREIGN
AFFAIRS AND HEADS OF SPECIALIZED NATIONAL AGENCIES ON THE GLOBAL DRUG
PROBLEM

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

Deeply troubled by the fact that the global drug problem represents a serious threat to the public health, security, well-being, and political and economic stability of our peoples and nations;

Alarmed by the critical times that the region is traversing as a result of the activities of criminal organizations involved in the world drug problem, which constantly seek to penetrate and establish themselves in our societies and democratic institutions.

Mindful that, in confronting the vast resources and violent and corrupting effects of drug trafficking, simply combining uncoordinated efforts—even those that have been successful—has only had a limited impact on the world drug problem, and therefore it is necessary to identify effective measures on the basis of an integrated and balanced approach;

Recognizing the need to strengthen and intensify joint efforts at the national, regional, and international level to confront the global challenges posed by the illicit drug problem in accordance with the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem adopted at the fifty-second session of the United Nations Commission on Narcotic Drugs in March 2009, and aware that 2019 was established as a target date for states to eliminate or reduce significantly illicit cultivation; the illicit production, manufacture, and trafficking in narcotic and psychotropic substances; the diversion of and illicit trafficking in precursors; and money-laundering related to illicit drugs;

Further recognizing the Hemispheric Drug Strategy and the Hemispheric Plan of Action on Drugs, 2011-2015, of the OAS Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission, as a source of reference for joint action in the region for effectively countering the world drug problem.

- Express their full support for the International Conference of Ministers of Foreign Affairs and Heads of Specialized National Agencies on the World Drug Problem to be held in Lima, Peru, on June 25 and 26, 2012.

- Commit to making every effort to participate at the highest appropriate level in that meeting in order to advance the objectives agreed upon by the international community to tackle the world drug problem.