The Minister of Foreign Affairs of Peru, Ricardo Luna Mendoza, welcomed the ministers of foreign affairs, national coordinators for the Summits Process, permanent representatives to the OAS, distinguished delegates, OAS Secretary General, and the representatives of the Joint Summit Working Group institutions.

After calling the meeting to order, the Chair submitted the agenda (GRIC/M.1/doc.29/17) and draft schedule (GRIC/M.1/doc.30/17) for consideration by the delegations. The meeting agenda and schedule for the meeting were adopted without comment from the delegations.

1. **Opening remarks by Luis Almagro, Secretary General of the OAS**

Secretary General Almagro’s opening remarks were published as document GRIC/M.1/doc.32/17.

2. **Presentation by His Excellency Ricardo Luna, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Peru**

Foreign Minister Luna presented on the theme of the VIII Summit of the Americas: “Democratic Governance against Corruption.” Minister Luna’s presentation was published as document GRIC/M.1/doc.31/17.

3. **Open dialogue among the ministers of foreign affairs**

The delegations of Costa Rica, Argentina, Mexico, Panama, United States, Canada, Colombia, Brazil, and Chile each took the floor to express their committed support to the Government of Peru in preparing and holding the VIII Summit of the Americas, slated for April 2018 in Lima. The delegations underscored the importance of the Summits process as a forum to reaffirm
the principles of democracy and human rights, as well as the shared principles of the inter-American agenda.

The delegations further expressed the importance of bringing the topic of corruption and democratic governance to the table, in addition to the importance of this topic within the OAS, given the OAS's role as the steward of the Inter-American Convention against Corruption.

As part of the dialogue, the delegations also underscored the importance of involving all actors participating in the Summits process, including the institutions of the Joint Summit Working Group, in order to advance in the preparation phase for the Eighth Summit and, thus, reflect diverse perspectives and obtain the highest level of technical support to achieve the outcomes set out for the next hemispheric meeting at the highest level.

4. **Final thoughts, other business, and adjournment of the meeting.**

There being no further comments by the delegations, the meeting was adjourned.