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**FINAL REPORT**

Peru’s Minister of Foreign Affairs, Néstor Popolizio Bardales, welcomed the distinguished foreign ministers, the national coordinators for the Summits Process, the Ambassadors Permanent Representatives to the OAS, the distinguished delegates, the Assistant Secretary General, and the representatives of the institutions of the Joint Summit Working Group.

1. **Presentation by His Excellency Néstor Popolizio Bardales, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Peru**

Foreign Minister Popolizio thanked the participating states for their considerable assistance and active participation during the Eighth Summit of the Americas, held in Lima, Peru, April 13-14, 2018. In his remarks, published as document **GRIC/M.2/INF.7/18**, he stated that the Eighth Summit should be considered a starting point for forming a regional alliance against corruption, as highlighted by the President of Peru during the Eighth Summit. He then made a presentation on the Mechanism for Follow-up and Implementation of the Lima Commitment “Democratic Governance against Corruption,” proposed by Peru, and distributed previously by the Secretariat as document **GRIC/M.2/doc.14/18corr. 1**, with the following as its objectives:

# To document the progress made by each state participating in the Eighth Summit and the JSWG institutions in keeping with the Lima Commitment;

# To promote the exchange of best practices, technical skills, and measures to prevent and combat corruption; and

# To generate synergies with international and regional mechanisms and initiatives.

He reported that, continuing with the methodology adopted throughout the preparation process for the Eighth Summit, comments and contributions regarding the proposed follow-up mechanism should be sent by the states no later than June 22. Said contributions would be considered for the final proposal of the document to be presented during the next SIRG meeting, to be held in August 2018.

Foreign Minister Popolizio also underscored in his remarks the important role of the JSWG in the follow-up and implementation phase of the Summit mandates. He referred to the publication distributed to the delegations, which documents the work carried out by the JSWG, as follow up to the Seventh Summit. Urging states to continue participating and contributing to the follow-up and implementation phase of the Lima Commitment.

1. **Open dialogue of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs**

The Delegation of Mexico, described the proposed follow-up mechanism as a good basis to be able to execute the mandates of the Lima Commitment. The delegate urged all countries to renew their support for anti-corruption efforts, since this is a priority for the region. The delegation stressed the importance for the follow up mechanism to allow the distinction between the tasks carried out by different relevant actors, efforts by the executive and legislative branches, as well as the contributions of civil society.

Meanwhile, the Delegate of Ecuador noted the importance of coordinating institutional responses as a follow-up on the Lima Commitment, in consultation with civil society. Colombia’s Foreign Minister stressed how difficult it is to achieve a document by consensus, for which she commended the Chair of the SIRG for creating a roadmap such as the Lima Commitment, on a subject so complex and important for the region.

The delegate of Panama described the follow-up mechanism as one avenue for the mandates received from the Summit to be continued at the national and international levels.

The delegate of Brazil expressed concern about the deadline by which comments on the concept paper on the follow-up mechanism should be submitted. He stressed two aspects: Firstly, that cooperation from the JSWG organizations is very important, hence the need to honor the commitment regarding financial sustainability of the Organization, as articulated in the Lima Commitment. Secondly, that it is important for states to continue to lead the process, drawing on all the support that the Secretariat and other players have efficiently and professionally provided. However, he mentioned that in order to keep up the political momentum of the initiative, the member states need to continue to lead the process and to continue to be able to define goals, objectives, and indicators, among other things.

The Representative of Bolivia thanked the Chair for the proposed follow-up mechanism, as well as for the virtual platform that would be created for that purpose. Bolivia endorsed Brazil’s comments about the fact that the countries of the region need to take an active part in developing the indicators.

The Delegation of Paraguay reiterated its ongoing, firm support for the mandates arising from the Summit of the Americas, expressing their hope for a proper institutional follow-up to be carried out. Paraguay stressed that the role of OAS is essential in helping to coordinate the work among national authorities, and added that the mandates from the Summit has helped to deepen joint efforts in the region.

Following a series of comments by the states, the Assistant Secretary General, Ambassador Néstor Méndez, on behalf of the OAS General Secretariat in its capacity as Technical Secretariat to the Summit Process and to the SIRG, congratulated the Government of Peru for its leadership in successfully hosting the Eighth Summit of the Americas and on the adoption of a concrete consensus document – the Lima Commitment – after more than 13 years. He also reiterated the importance of the proposal from the Office of the President of Peru as a mechanism for follow-up and implementation of the Lima Commitment, since this will contribute to the follow-up stage and to the coordination of efforts in support of the countries, particularly those of the JSWG institutions. He urged the JSWG members to continue their work and to join their efforts in the fight against corruption.

1. **Final considerations, other business, and adjournment of the meeting**

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

Video of the meeting: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5ZH3gJhFZx0>

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