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## REMARKS OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES

*(Luis Almagro)*

Thank you very much, Vice Minister Silié, Chair of the Summit Implementation Review Group (SIRG).

Echoing the Chair's remarks, I would like to welcome to this meeting of the SIRG all the representatives of the States here today, the National Summits Coordinators, delegates, and representatives of the international and regional organizations in the Joint Summit Working Group (JSWG).

This is my first opportunity under the tenure of the Dominican Republic as Chair of the Summits of the Americas process to address all of you in the framework of the SIRG, so I am doubly pleased to share with you this morning the leadership of the Dominican Government in the work leading up to the Tenth Summit.

The Summits of the Americas represent a unique opportunity to forge hemispheric consensus at the highest political level in the search for solutions to the region's most pressing problems and challenges, and to take decisive action on behalf of our peoples.

Almost 30 years since the First Summit of the Americas, it is imperative to recognize its great legacies, which have translated, on the one hand, into a legal and political framework in areas of fundamental importance for the Americas, such as democratic governance, the fight against corruption, health and resilience, the environment, energy and a green future, and, on the other hand, into actions by States and other actors for their advancement and implementation.

This meeting is of particular importance as it represents a step forward on the road to the Tenth Summit of the Americas, which will be held in Punta Cana in 2025.

We are confident that the road to Punta Cana will be a process of constructive and inclusive reflection in which the efforts of States will be accompanied by the various actors in the Summits process, such as those represented here today, in order to provide their input on the hemispheric priorities they consider relevant for the Tenth Summit; they include institutions of the JSWG and representatives of civil society and social actors, among them the private sector and the youth of the Americas.

A process that will culminate in a hemispheric agenda important for us all, whose implementation will benefit all the peoples of the Americas.

We trust that the Government of the Dominican Republic, with the inputs and considerations arising from the preparatory phase of the Tenth Summit, will guide us in seeking not only an appropriate theme, but also a format that will facilitate the discussions among our leaders. And may this process be the basis for a Tenth Summit that leads to tangible results.

Looking forward to Punta Cana, we must identify an issue or issues that unite us, that are a priority for the citizens of our region, and work to strengthen spaces for citizen and democratic participation, in the quest for greater well-being in our region. It is a process that involves recognizing challenges, but also progress.

In this process, it will be equally important for the Summits process to promote—not only for the preparation of the Summit, but also as a strategy to advance in its implementation—greater linkage between the agendas and processes of inter-American ministerial meetings and the Summits process. In that regard, I commend the efforts of the Dominican Republic and the Bahamas in holding recent ministerial meetings on energy and sustainable development, respectively, whose main results will be discussed today.

I would like to take this opportunity to highlight the work of governments, JSWG entities, and other actors in support of the implementation of the mandates adopted at past Summits of the Americas, including the Ninth Summit, and I look forward to building on the progress achieved.

To conclude, I would like to wish the Government of the Dominican Republic every success on the road to the Tenth Summit and underscore the commitment of our Summits Secretariat to continuing to provide the support sought by the Chair and States in this process and continuing to strengthen the participation in it of both the institutions making up the Joint Summit Working Group and social actors, who are an integral part of the process.

Thank you very much.