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COMMUNIQUÉ OF THE HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT OF THE AMERICAS IN SUPPORT OF THE CENTRAL AMERICAN SECURITY STRATEGY

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

Bearing in mind the difficulties that the peoples and governments of Central America are experiencing as a result of the violence generated by transnational organized crime, particularly drug trafficking rings, in the region;

Recognizing the substantial progress that the Central American governments have made in formulating the Security Strategy, which aims, under a holistic and regional approach, to tackle the security problems that afflict Central America;

Aware that the implementation of the Central American Security Strategy requires the cooperation and resolute contribution of all players in the international community, under the principles of common and shared but differentiated responsibilities,

1. Reiterate our solidarity and willingness to join efforts with the aim of contributing to security in the Central American region, and reaffirm the importance of “maintaining and strengthening bilateral, subregional, regional, and international cooperation on security-related matters.”
2. Express our firm support for the Central American Security Strategy, which has been jointly drawn up by the member states of the Central American Integration System (SICA), whose priorities have been set according to a strategic vision for the future and fully in line with the security problems and needs faced by the peoples and governments of Central America.
3. Support the appeal made by the Central American governments to the international community to furnish the necessary political support and the appropriate financial and other resources to enable the Central American Security Strategy to be implemented. That support, coupled with the increasing investment that the region has been making in the area of security, would enable Central America to consolidate as a secure, peaceful, free, and democratic developing region.