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OPENING REMARKS BY THE CHAIR OF THE SIRG
(Mr. Kevin O'Reilly, National Summit Coordinator of the United States)

Good morning to all the National Coordinators of the Summit Process, Permanent Representatives to the OAS, Deputy Coordinators, distinguished delegates, and representatives of the institutions of the Joint Summit Working Group.

Thank you for your participation in this, the second meeting in 2021 of the Summit Implementation Review Group.

I'm Kevin O'Reilly and I am honored to serve as the new National Summit Coordinator for the United States and chair of the SIRG.

It is my pleasure to welcome you all here today to continue the important discussions necessary to ensure the Summit process remains inclusive and meaningful.

Each Summit must respond to the needs and priorities of the people of the Americas, and the United States is committed to bringing our region together to address shared challenges and advance shared priorities at a critical time.

I look forward to discussing our proposed theme and Summit priorities with you later this morning.

I know many of you also are wondering about the date and location of the Ninth Summit. We hope to announce these at a ministerial SIRG meeting on the margins of the OAS General Assembly on November 11.

Before we get started today, I want to let you know that we have invited a representative of civil society to make a presentation during item two on our agenda: Implementation of the Lima Commitment. The rest of this meeting will be limited to SIRG delegations and the Joint Summit Working Group.

I want to express my ongoing appreciation for the follow up and continued engagement of former Summit host and vice-chair of the SIRG, Peru, for its leadership in the Summit process. I also would like to thank the Summits of the Americas Secretariat for their ongoing support and for making today's meeting possible.