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## FINAL REPORT

Mr. Kevin O'Reilly, National Summit Coordinator of the United States and Chair of the meeting, welcomed the distinguished National Coordinators for the Summits Process, Deputy National Coordinators, delegates, and representatives of the institutions of the Joint Summit Working Group (JSWG). The list of participants was published as document [GRIC/O.4/doc.47/22 rev. 1](#).

### **Opening remarks by Mr. Kevin O'Reilly, National Coordinator of the United States for the Summits Process**

The Chair of the SIRG announced that in 37 days, the leaders of the Hemisphere would arrive in Los Angeles to hold the Ninth Summit and considered the time remaining to finalize the documents. He indicated that the first Draft Political Commitment to be negotiated in the plenary would be on clean energy, while the meeting of the Democratic Governance Working Group would be held simultaneously; the next day the document on democratic governance would be considered in plenary and, simultaneously, the Working Group on Our Green Future would meet. He added that the protocol advance visits would then take place and invited the delegations to continue discussing the points pending agreement. He also announced that on the last day of the SIRG, the document Our Green Future would be considered in the plenary session, while the document on democratic governance would be considered in the working group.

### **1. Consideration of the Draft Political Commitment Accelerating the Clean Energy Transition**

Mr. Kevin O'Reilly thanked the co-chairs of Chile and the Dominican Republic. He also thanked the Vice Minister of Energy Savings and Efficiency of the Dominican Republic, Mr. Alfonso Rodríguez, for his leadership of the Working Group and invited him to speak.

Mr. Alfonso Rodríguez noted that 23 States were part of the working group, which met twice after the Second Regular Meeting of the SIRG. He stressed that the document seeks to increase the share of renewable and clean energy in energy matrices, as well as the use of technologies that prevent greenhouse gas emissions, taking into account the particularities of each State, including issues such as inclusion, gender equality, and protection of vulnerable communities. He also emphasized that it seeks to promote multi-actor efforts that facilitate production of clean energy inputs.

Regarding the level of consensus, he highlighted that 25 percent of the document had been agreed to beforehand and that the greatest differences between the delegations centered around three points: the intention to include the concept of shared but differentiated responsibilities; the level of detail regarding gender language; and the lists of groups in situations of vulnerability.

The negotiation over the document began by addressing the paragraphs agreed to beforehand and then continued with the paragraphs pending. It lasted throughout the first day of the plenary, culminating in a four-paragraph agreement.

## **2. Consideration of the Draft Political Commitment Inter-American Action Plan on Democratic Governance**

The Chair of the SIRG began his comments by announcing that a Fifth Regular Meeting of the SIRG would be held the week of May 30, 2022 and opened the discussion of the document on democratic governance. He invited the delegations wishing to participate in the side meeting of the Working Group on Our Green Future to come to the adjoining Wilshire Grand Ballroom. Regarding the concern expressed by some delegations that the SIRG was not the forum to decide on some matters related to democratic governance, he reiterated that in this forum, they discussed mandates for subsequent approval of the Heads of State and Government of the Americas, who do have that power.

Additionally, he highlighted that more than half of the document had been pre-agreed, for which he thanked the co-chairs of the working group and invited them to take the floor. The National Coordinator of Panama, Ms. Carmen Inés Ávila, announced that it had been pre-agreed to shorten the preamble of the document and that progress had been made on Sections A and B. She also highlighted the creation of small working groups resolving more specific differences. Lastly, the National Summit Coordinator of Canada, Ms. Sara Cohen, noted that considerable progress had been made in terms of principles and proposed holding new meetings before the next SIRG.

Document negotiations focused on the preamble and on sections A, B, C, and D; Section E was not taken up. The paragraphs that had been pre-agreed were addressed and an agreement was reached on 46 paragraphs.

## **3. Hemispheric dialogue with civil society**

The chair of the SIRG greeted those present, addressed the importance of civil society participation in government decisions, and highlighted its connection to the constitutional principles and history of the United States. He then invited the OAS Secretary for Hemispheric Affairs, Ambassador James Lambert, to speak. He thanked the United States government and the Summits Secretariat for their commitment to promoting civil society participation in the Summits Process.

During the Hemispheric Dialogue between Civil Society, Social Actors, and Government representatives, civil society and social actors presented their contributions to the countries participating in the Summits Process through spokespersons for each subregional thematic working group. Their interventions were published as document [ASCA/doc.25/22](#).

The delegations from Peru, Ecuador, the Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Barbados, Paraguay, Colombia, Jamaica, Canada, Panama, Trinidad, Brazil, the United States, and Costa Rica spoke at the Hemispheric Dialogue. All agreed on the relevance of promoting civil society participation in the various stages of the Summits Process, and the delegations of Brazil and Costa Rica stated that they hoped to include the different viewpoints raised in the documents.

The delegation of Peru, which is also co-chair of the Health and Resilience Working Group, highlighted the way in which the ideas presented by civil society contribute to enriching the documents and indicated that the inclusion of civil society strengthens democratic governance.

The delegation of Ecuador, also co-chair of the Our Green Future Working Group, stressed that many of the concerns expressed by civil society were already included in the text. Regarding the document on energy, the co-chair - the delegation of the Dominican Republic - endorsed what was expressed by Ecuador while reiterating the importance of distinguishing between the objectives of the Our Green Future document and the Clean Energy document. Likewise, the delegations from Guatemala, Barbados, the Dominican Republic, and Paraguay described the challenges they face in relation to natural disasters and climate change. They also highlighted a number of policies implemented domestically that are aimed at reducing carbon dioxide emissions and promoting the use of clean and renewable energy.

Similarly, the delegations of Colombia and Jamaica, co-chairs of the Digital Transformation Working Group, highlighted the overlap between the proposals and the document under negotiation. Specifically, Colombia highlighted the mentions of training, cooperation, education, and cybercrime, among other areas.

Additionally, several delegations addressed the concept of gender equality and references to it in the documents. The Canadian delegation stressed that it was a priority in the country's relationship with Latin America, and as co-chair of the Democratic Governance Working Group, it reiterated the importance of more ambitious goals in this regard. The delegation of Colombia underscored that they would work to incorporate the missing references into the texts, and the delegation of Trinidad and Tobago highlighted the role women play in development.

On the other hand, the delegation of Panama, also co-chair of the Democratic Governance Group, announced that most of civil society's concerns had been included in the document, like citizen participation, or democracy and sustainable development. Likewise, the delegation of the Dominican Republic addressed the various and emerging challenges facing democracy and thanked civil society for its commitment in this regard.

Ambassador Lambert thanked those present for their inputs and the delegations for their participation in the dialogue, with special thanks to Canada for its contribution to strengthening the participation of women's organizations in the Summits Process.

Lastly, the Chair thanked the spokespersons for their participation and noted that the Summits Secretariat would share these recommendations with the delegations.

#### **4. Consideration of the Draft Political Commitment for Our Green Future**

Mr. Kevin O'Reilly invited the co-chairs of the Working Group to comment on the status of the negotiation of the Draft Political Commitment Our Green Future and announced that the paragraphs pre-agreed would be considered first, followed by consideration of those that remained pending.

Ambassador Denys Toscano, Deputy National Summit Coordinator of Ecuador, and co-chair of the group with Guyana, said that the document under consideration was the result of six informal meetings, two of which had taken place within the framework of the Fourth SIRG. He underscored that a total of 24 paragraphs had been pre-agreed and mentioned those which had been pre-agreed with ad referendum. He also noted the paragraphs whose redrafting had been entrusted to small groups of delegations.

Consideration of the document took the rest of the morning and the afternoon, concluding with agreement reached on 17 paragraphs.

## **5. Closure**

The chair asked the United States delegation to comment on the next steps. The Deputy National Coordinator, Mr. David Silverman, reported that the Chair's versions of four of the Draft Political Commitments would be distributed by the end of the following week and that they would talk with the co-chairs of the Democratic Governance Working Group about the distribution of the document. Additionally, he indicated that after the texts were finalized during the Fifth SIRG, they would be sent to the Style Committee for review before the Meeting at the Ministerial Level of the SIRG, to be held on June 8. He also announced that more information would be sent on the participation of the heads of state and government in the roundtable talks to be held on June 10.

There being no additional comments from the delegations, Mr. Kevin O'Reilly thanked the delegations for their participation and closed the meeting on May 6 at 7:30 p.m.