



SUMMIT IMPLEMENTATION REVIEW GROUP (SIRG) Second Regular Meeting of 2022 March 7-8, 2022 Virtual OEA/Ser.E GRIC/O.2/INF.36/22 21 March 2022 Original: Spanish

## PRESENTATION OF THE WORK OF THE HEALTH AND RESILIENCE WORKING GROUP

(Ambassador Paul Fernando Duclós Parodi, National Coordinator of Peru)

Mr. Chairman, distinguished colleagues,

Dovetailing on the statements made by the National Coordinator of Uruguay, as co-Chair of the Working Group on Health and Resilience, I am pleased to report that:

To date, fourteen (14) delegations have submitted written comments, all of which will be incorporated into the original draft—with track changes—to begin paragraph-by-paragraph negotiations on Friday, March 11. It should be noted that the consolidated text will include the specific contributions made to the document being negotiated, but none of the general comments, which have already been distributed to all of the delegations. The idea is to have a manageable document for the negotiation.

In that same vein, we would appreciate it if you could keep in mind that the text to be negotiated is a political commitment to develop an Action Plan on Health and Resilience in the Americas to be implemented by 2030, and not the Action Plan itself, meaning we should endeavor to be as succinct as possible, incorporating only the main precepts, which will later be fleshed out in the Plan in greater detail.

At the Working Group's first meeting, an agreement was also reached to invite the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) to future meetings so it may answer any technical questions the delegations might have during the negotiations. PAHO will participate in a purely advisory capacity to support the delegates and co-chairs.

Following the Working Group's second meeting—which is to take place on Friday, March 11 at 9:30 a.m.—the co-chairs will prepare a progress report on the negotiations—which will be conducted in both English and Spanish—in preparation for the third SIRG meeting, scheduled for the week of March 28.