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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 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 meeting of the Summit Implementation Review Group. I'm Kevin O'Reilly and I am honored to serve as SIRG chair. It is my pleasure to welcome you and participants in our stakeholder forums.

We have a lively agenda for today and tomorrow where we will get feedback from stakeholders on the draft political commitments, listen to expert interventions from members of the Joint Summit Working Group, hear reports from working group chairs on their meetings, and listen to recommendations from recent ministerial meetings.

I expect each speaker will inform the SIRG's efforts to develop political commitments that chart a clear path forward during this critical time. I look forward to continuing this work with you.

I want to express my ongoing appreciation for the continued engagement of National Summit Coordinators and members of the Joint Summit Working Group. I also would like to thank the Summits of the Americas Secretariat for their ongoing support and for making today's meeting possible.

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