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Mr. Kevin O'Reilly, United States National Summit Coordinator and Chair of the SIRG meeting, welcomed the national coordinators of the Summits process, the distinguished delegates, the OAS Secretary General, and the representatives of the Joint Summit Working Group (JSWG) institutions. The list of participants was published as document [GRIC/O.3/doc.59/22 rev. 1](#).

Opening remarks by Mr. Kevin O'Reilly, U.S. National Summit Coordinator

Mr. O'Reilly announced that in the first part of the meeting, the Department of State and the organizers of the stakeholder forums would provide information on plans for the Summit and logistics. He then indicated that the negotiations of the draft Political Commitments initiated in the Working Groups would continue. Finally, he thanked the co-chairs of the Working Groups and delegations, the Summits Secretariat, and the Secretary General.

Remarks by Mr. Luis Almagro, Secretary General, Organization of American States

To access the remarks of Mr. Luis Almagro, Secretary General of the OAS, click [here](#).

1. Presentation by the organizers of the stakeholder forums

a. Presentation by María Celina Conte, Director, Summits Secretariat

The presentation by Ms. Maria Celina Conte was published as document [GRIC/O.3/INF.28/22](#).

b. Presentation by Neil Herrington, Senior Vice President, Americas, U.S. Chamber of Commerce

Mr. Neil Herrington, noted that the objective of the IV Business Summit of the Americas, to be held on June 8 and 9, is to reach a representative audience of private sector leaders throughout the Hemisphere. He also emphasized that the active participation of companies, the strengthening of institutions, and the promotion of growth and small and medium-sized enterprises were key for the private sector in the region.

In addition, although he highlighted the overlap between the priorities of the sector and those of the Summit of the Americas, he stressed the importance of incorporating trade, which was why the Business Summit would address that area, and announced that the Inter-American Development Bank had already sent invitations to high-level trade authorities in the Hemisphere for meetings associated with the Summit. Regarding the format and agenda of the Business Summit, he explained that it would be divided into two parallel events: one with panel discussions and roundtables, and the other focused

on dialogue with political leaders on the issues of food security, cybersecurity, and digital and financial inclusion. Regarding invitations, he said that those for the Heads of State would be sent out soon.

All documents related to the IV Business Summit of the Americas were published under the following classification: [GRIC/O.3/INF.20/22](#).

c. Presentation by Luis Viguria, Executive Director, Young Americas Business Trust

Mr. Luis Viguria, presented the progress made in preparation for the VI Young Americas Forum, scheduled for June 8 and 9. His remarks were published as a document [GRIC/O.3/INF.27/22](#).

Comments by delegations

The delegations of El Salvador and Argentina emphasized that they shared the Summit's priorities. Argentina also stressed the importance of incorporating a focus on the fight against inequality in the documents, while El Salvador spoke against the creation of new mechanisms. For their part, the delegations of Paraguay and Peru requested that they also be sent to the National Coordinators for the Business Summit of the Americas, and Peru asked how they could collaborate with the stakeholder forums.

In response to Peru's inquiry, Ambassador James Lambert invited delegations to encourage a high level of participation by high-level officials in stakeholder forums. The Summits Secretariat also responded by highlighting that the participation of the National Coordinators in the Hemispheric Dialogue was key, as was the dialogue with civil society and social actors in the days leading up to the Ninth Summit. The Secretariat also invited them to maintain an open-door policy with regard to citizen participation in order to strengthen democratic governance. Mr. Luis Viguria also invited the States to continue exchanges with the various stakeholders beyond the Summit event itself. Regarding the inquiries from Paraguay and Peru, Mr. Neil Herrington announced that they would work with the Summits Secretariat to disseminate information on the Business Summit.

2. Presentation of the Summit agenda and logistics

a. Presentation by the United States

Mr. Marcus Switzer, Deputy Chief of Protocol of the United States explained that questions regarding logistics should be directed to the Protocol Office, and shared his contact information. He also addressed the tentative agenda for the Summit, which included the SIRG ministerial meeting, the opening ceremony, the plenary meetings of the Heads of State and Government, receptions, and events for authorities.

Ms. Kim Startfield, Senior Protocol Officer, explained that there would be a different registration process for each Summit event. She explained that Los Angeles Airport would be the main access hub and listed some details that embassies should take into account. She also noted that the leaders' plenaries would be held at Los Angeles Convention Center and would be organized in a manner similar to the United Nations General Assembly, alluding to the size of the delegations. Regarding the leaders' dinner, he noted that President Biden would host it and that it would be held at the Getty Villa; the luncheon would be held at the Convention Center and take place simultaneously with the ministers'

luncheon. She said that the City of Los Angeles was also planning a reception for the delegates. Regarding the advance visit to Los Angeles, she said that it would take place in early May and that she would share more details in due course. Finally, she addressed questions related to security and transportation of delegations.

b. Comments by delegations

The delegations of Venezuela, Peru, Suriname, Chile, Jamaica, and Costa Rica took the floor. They requested that consideration be given to holding events in a hybrid format, a more detailed agenda for the planned events and the expected dynamics for security. They also requested that logistical information be shared with the permanent missions to the OAS and that an operational manual be prepared on activities and logistics.

3. Consideration of the draft Political Commitment: Regional Agenda for Digital Transformation

Regarding the consideration of the different draft political commitments, Mr. Kevin O'Reilly, announced that work would be done to reach agreement on those paragraphs that had been pre-agreed ad referendum at the working group meetings and that in cases where there were difficulties in reaching an agreement, he would instruct the delegations to hold talks with a view to reaching language that would satisfy everyone. He also asked delegations to refrain from submitting new paragraphs and, instead, to work on the existing text. He also acknowledged the possibility that consensus might not be reached on all documents.

The co-chairs of the Working Group (the delegations of Colombia and Jamaica) presented the status of the negotiations on the document. The co-chairs emphasized that pre-agreement had been reached on 28 paragraphs, representing more than half of the paragraphs of the draft political commitment, and that pre-agreement was still pending on 17 paragraphs. They also pointed out that the preamble was relocated to the annex and not addressed.

The negotiation process continued for the rest of the morning and in the afternoon, up to and including paragraph 36. The result was the agreement of 22 paragraphs, with 6 still pending. Of the 22 paragraphs agreed upon, 10 were agreed without changes to the text resulting from the Working Group's discussions.

Following the discussion, the Chair announced that he would work with the co-chairs to prepare a version of the document that reflected, in addition to the agreed paragraphs, revisions to the pending paragraphs for consideration by delegations. Mr. O'Reilly emphasized that that could include the consolidation of repeated paragraphs and a reorganization of paragraphs. He also announced that the next document to be considered would be the document on health and resilience.

The delegation of Peru asked if there was a deadline for the receipt of inputs, to which the Chair responded that no new paragraphs would be accepted but only alternate language. The delegation of Paraguay asked if the document on the Action Plan on Health and Resilience was expected to be addressed in its entirety the following day, and if negotiations on those documents would continue in Los Angeles. Mr. O'Reilly replied that the negotiation dynamic would continue in the same way, and

that it would consist of trying to address all the documents, after which a Chair's version would be circulated.

4. Consideration of the Draft Political Commitment: Action Plan on Health and Resilience in the Americas

Prior to initiating the negotiation of the draft commitment, Mr. O'Reilly reminded delegations that the Summits Secretariat had consulted delegations on whether they would participate in a side meeting of the Working Group on Democratic Governance. In that regard, the delegation of Canada, as co-chair, acknowledged the concerns of the smaller delegations about their inability to participate simultaneously and the logistical complications involved, and, therefore, invited delegations to share their vision.

The delegations of Mexico, Paraguay, Argentina, and Bolivia requested that the discussion of the document on democratic governance be brought forward to the SIRG plenary instead of meeting in the Working Group format. The Chair responded that the intention was to continue discussion of that document at the next SIRG, and that a Working Group meeting could help delegations to focus on those issues of highest priority in Los Angeles. Finally, the delegation of Canada proposed holding the meeting at lunchtime, instead of simultaneously with the plenary, in order to allow delegations to be present.

Mr. O'Reilly then invited the co-chairs of the Working Group (the delegations of Peru and Uruguay) to take the floor. Ambassador Paul Fernando Duclos Parodi of Peru highlighted the document's focus on primary health care, promotion of investment in health, and the need for greater international cooperation. He also reiterated the importance of the participation of the Pan American Health Organization in the meetings of the working groups. Among the main pending issues, he explained that Jamaica would present text on non-communicable diseases, the definition of a time frame for the development of the Action Plan, and the venue for its formulation and approval. Mrs. Alicia Arbelide of the Uruguayan delegation supported Peru's presentation and thanked Jamaica for its approach to noncommunicable diseases.

During the negotiation, the entire document was read, nine paragraphs were agreed upon, and seven were left pending. For those paragraphs on which there was no agreement and which did not deal with issues related to groups in vulnerable situations, the Chair entrusted delegations with the preparation of texts to reach consensus.

Finally, Mr. O'Reilly announced that a Chair's version of the draft political commitment would be distributed to delegations.

5. Final considerations, other business, and adjournment of the meeting

Mr. O'Reilly announced that during the next meeting of the SIRG, scheduled to be held in Los Angeles on May 2, 3 and 6, 2022, the document Accelerating the Clean Energy Transition would be submitted to the plenary for consideration in conjunction with a meeting of the Working Group on Democratic Governance. The following day, the document on democratic governance would be considered in the plenary and there would be a side meeting of the Working Group on "Our Sustainable

Green Future,” the document of which would go before the plenary on the last day of the SIRG meeting, with a side meeting of the Working Group on Democratic Governance. He also announced that he would evaluate with the Summits Secretariat the possibility of holding the working group meetings in a hybrid format.

In response to requests from some delegations to incorporate new paragraphs, the Chair reiterated that no new paragraphs would be accepted and asked the Secretariat to distribute the documents containing the comments of the delegations.

There being no additional comments, Mr. Kevin O'Reilly thanked the States and entities of the JSWG for their participation and adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m. on April 26.