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REMARKS BY THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC,  
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*(Ambassador Rubén Silié, National Summit Coordinator of the Dominican Republic)*

- Ambassador Francisco Mora, Mr. Luis Almagro
- Mr. James Lambert
- National coordinators and deputy coordinators
- Permanent and Alternate Representatives to the Organization of American States
- Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am very honored to participate in person in this Regular Meeting of the SIRG, in our capacity as host country for the next Summit of the Americas.

The Dominican Republic highly values the region's multilateral spaces, in which there is a greater probability of reaching consensus, recognizing the differences that, although they exist, are not greater than the similarities imposed on us by this new global context in which the Americas have played a prominent role.

Our region is an example of stability for the world and holder of the resources that undergird the third industrial revolution and the production of sustainable energy. Likewise, our region not only possesses considerable reserves of metals vital for energy transition, but we also have large water reserves and play a vital role in ensuring food security for millions of people.

We have listened attentively to the presentations by the Citizens' Forum, the Business Dialogue and the Youth of the Americas, as well as the presentation by the members of the Joint Summit Working Group. These provided an excellent summary of the principal activities those institutions are undertaking to implement and follow-up the agreements adopted at the Ninth Summit of the Americas, as well as the expectations for the Tenth Summit, which we will have the honor of hosting in our country in 2025. We have taken note of these insightful presentations, as they will no doubt serve as important guides for the initiatives that we intend to promote together with you.

The Dominican Republic recognizes the commendable work carried out by the presidency of the United States toward implementing the political commitments that have been made, which are the outcome of inclusive consensus across all social sectors.

The five working groups created for the thematic areas the agreements address are an effective platform for furthering advances and challenges we face at the national and regional levels and provide us the opportunity to exchange best practices and move forward to obtain concrete outcomes.

It is worth remembering that during the process of the Ninth Summit, the Dominican Republic was kind enough to chair the working group "Accelerating the Transition to Clean Energy", and as part of the implementation of the agreements adopted in this commitment, on March 14 and 15, 2024, we will host in Punta Cana the sixth ECPA Ministerial Meeting "Renewable Energy of the Americas: Integration and Innovation". At this meeting, we will have the opportunity to jointly articulate a regional vision based on an action plan founded on six basic pillars: cleaner energy sources, universal access to energy, energy efficiency, regional integration, and energy resilience and innovation. We look forward to seeing all of you there.

We would like to highlight the initiative of the U.S. government to hold the first Cities Summit in Denver, where the importance of sharing best practices from municipal perspectives was perceived, inviting us to strengthen regional cooperation.

The efficiency and dynamics shown by the United States in the Ninth Summit held in Los Angeles, commits the Dominican Republic to ensure the continuity of the work and the proper follow-up to the implementation of the mandates agreed therein. We will continue working to build more sustainable, resilient, and equitable societies.

Mr. Chair,

As we have said, the Dominican government recognizes multilateralism as a fundamental tool to ensure greater partnership and to promote progress, the defense of human rights and peace.

Upon this foundation of working together, the Dominican Republic embraces the idea of an inclusive summit that seeks to create synergies of regional cooperation to promote the economic, social, and environmentally sustainable development of all the countries of the Hemisphere.

We also commit to continue to seek integration of all social sectors through successful organization of the official summit forums. To this end, we have already initiated contacts with the important institutions that will be organizing these forums.

We are confident that, with the support of your governments and other actors committed to the work of this Summit, we will continue to build on the results of the Ninth Summit and provide opportunities for exchange and coordination. We will strive for the joint creation of an inclusive, active, and effective agenda that incorporates the proposals that emerge from the exchange process.

Dear colleagues,

Rest assured that the Dominican Republic is fully aware of the importance of the work of this Summit and of the challenges we will have to face in these three years, but as President Luis Abinader has said, "if we continue to move forward together, there will be no challenge that we cannot overcome".