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1. **Inauguration: Remarks by the Chair of the Meeting, María Ángela Holguín, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Colombia**

Minister María Ángela Holguín, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Colombia and Chair of the meeting, welcomed the attending ministers of foreign affairs, national coordinators, and heads of delegation, and opened the ministerial-level meeting of the Summit Implementation Review Group (SIRG) held during the forty-first regular session of the OAS General Assembly. She described the meeting as offering an opportunity to hear about the progress made by the member states and the institutions of the Joint Summit Working Group (JSWG) in implementing the Summit mandates, and also as providing an opportunity to inform the member states of the progress made in preparation for the Sixth Summit and to identify a series of methodological guidelines for continuing with the preparations for the next Summit.

2. **Adoption of the agenda**

The Chair placed the draft agenda, document [GRIC/M.1/doc.1/11 rev. 1](#), before the member states for their approval, and it was adopted without modifications.

3. **Address by José Miguel Insulza, Secretary General of the Organization of American States**

José Miguel Insulza, Secretary General of the OAS, noted the importance of this ministerial-level meeting of the SIRG, explaining that it was the last such meeting to be held prior to the Summit, and he encouraged the member states to discuss the themes of the next Summit and the preparations being made by the Sixth Summit's host country. The Secretary General said that the Joint Summit Working Group, under the coordination of the OAS, was at the disposal of the Government of Colombia for the preparatory work and technical documents that will support the success of the upcoming Summit.

1. Meeting of the Summit Implementation Review Group (SIRG) at the ministerial level held during the forty-first regular session of the General Assembly, San Salvador, El Salvador, June 7, 2011.

4. Presentation of national reports on progress with the implementation of the mandates of the Summits of the Americas and of the Summits of the Americas Follow-up System of the Americas (SISCA)

In compliance with the SIRG's assigned task of following up on the implementation of the mandates handed down by the Summits of the Americas, Ms. Sherry Tross, Executive Secretary of the Summits of the Americas Secretariat, gave the member states a report on the countries' reports on their progress with implementing of the mandates of the Summits of the Americas and on the SISCA. The full report was made available as document [GRIC/M.1/doc.3/1](#).

At the end of the presentation, the Chair thanked Ms. Tross for her presentation on the progress made with implementing the Summit mandates.

5. Presentation by the Government of Colombia on the Sixth Summit of the Americas

Foreign Minister Holguín spoke to the member states about the preparations for the Sixth Summit and presented the theme chosen by the Government of Colombia: "Connecting the Americas: Partners for Prosperity." She also presented the proposed methodological guidelines prepared by the Government of Colombia, which were distributed to the members of the SIRG as document [GRIC/M.1/doc.2/11](#).

Minister Holguín's speech was made available as document [GRIC/M.1/doc.4/11](#).

6. High-level dialogue among the Ministers of Foreign Affairs

The member states spoke about the presentation given by Colombia's Minister of Foreign Affairs on the theme of the Sixth Summit and on the method for negotiating the draft final document of the upcoming Summit; they also noted their support for the chosen theme and for the proposed methodology she described. On the latter point, the delegations expressed their agreement with the proposed change in the negotiation process for the final document of Cartagena de Indias, and they congratulated the Government of Colombia on the initiative it had presented and on the progress made in preparation for the Sixth Summit. The delegations also reiterated their commitment to work toward a short, concise final document with concrete initiatives.

In addition, the delegations spoke about the consultation process that the Government of Colombia is pursuing – with the member states, with civil society and other social actors, and with the institutions associated with the Summits process – and they underscored the importance of continuing with this process of broad consultations to ensure a Sixth Summit that is inclusive and participatory. On this point, the delegations also congratulated the Government of Colombia for the wide-ranging consultations it has been conducting and for involving all the interested parties in the process.

The delegations again noted the importance of preparing and presenting the national reports on progress with implementing the Summit mandates, and they expressed their commitment toward following up on the mandates handed down by the previous Summits. The delegations also noted

their support for the process of institutionalization that is underway within the Summits of the Americas Secretariat.

At the end of the discussion, Minister Holguín thanked the ministers and representatives of the member states for their comments and observations and said that close attention had been paid to them. In connection with this, the SIRG ministerial embraced the proposed new format for negotiating the Sixth Summit's final document. Minister Holguín said that Colombia would continue with the preparations for the Summit, in light of the member states' favorable response to the proposals made. In concluding, the Minister expressed her gratitude for the support extended to the Government of Colombia in the preparatory work and in selecting the theme of the Sixth Summit.

7. Other business

There being no comments from the delegations, the meeting was adjourned.