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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF SURINAME ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MANDATES  
OF THE SUMMIT PROCESS

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## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The government of the Republic of Suriname remains committed to the Summit process and attaches great importance to the implementation of the mandates set out in the Declaration of Port of Spain issued at the Fifth Summit of the Americas in 2009.

The government emphasizes in its policy statement of 2010 - 2015 that the human being is at the center of all development activities. The deterioration in human development compels us to alter the economic relations into a more diversified economy to the benefit of the deprived and underprivileged sections of the population. Social policies predominantly focus on health, education, and housing. In this regard the accelerated utilization of our natural resources is of primary importance for sustainable development. The sectoral priorities for the government are mining, with the subsectors gold, oil and bauxite, followed by agriculture with the subsectors cultivation of rice, animal husbandry, fisheries and forestry. The approach in national security policies involves cross-sectoral methods and coordination.

Other areas of high priority are, among others, public security, sustainable development, environment and conservation and integral social development.

As the mandates of the Fifth Summit of the Americas represent a fair reflection of Suriname's developmental policies, this report further elaborates on the endeavors undertaken and planned to fulfill those mandates and associated follow-up activities.