

Richard Young of the University Alberta, outlined the agenda for the day, discussed procedures for handling the business at hand, and requested participants to introduce themselves with reference to their special areas of interest. Each delegate received a package of materials at the beginning of the meeting from DFAIT containing eleven documents that had not been received in time from Ottawa to circulate by mail or courier. Delegates did incorporate this material in their discussions during the day and several read the documents carefully following the consultation and submitted written reflections that are incorporated in this report. The discussions of four major agenda items followed the following form:

Topic #1: Preserving and Strengthening Democracy and Human Rights

Topic #2: Education

Lunch

Topic #3: The Eradication of Poverty

Topic #4: Hemispheric Economic Integration and Free Trade

Review and Wrap-Up including an overview of the workshop and evaluation of the consultation process

Topic #1: Preserving and Strengthening Democracy and Human Rights.

The discussions of the first topic commenced with detailed remarks by Drs. M. O. Dickerson and Stephen Randall, authors of the background paper, "Hemispheric Integration, Democratization and Human Rights in the Americas." Although John Hay, author of the second background paper, "Toward the Santiago Summit: A National Consultation," was not present, the early discussions included an overview of his study. Asking how economic integration, human rights, and democracy might be achieved, the two authors identified four interdependent factors or areas: liberalization, democratization,