

We recognize the central role of the OAS in supporting the Summit of the Americas process and the function that the OAS Special Committee on Inter-American Summits Management (CEGCI) fulfills in coordinating the efforts of the OAS in this regard and in serving as a forum for civil society to contribute to the Summit of the Americas process.

We instruct Foreign Ministers at the next General Assembly of the OAS in San Jose, Costa Rica, to strengthen and reform, where appropriate, the institutional mechanisms and financial capacity of the General Secretariat of the Organization to support the Summit of the Americas process, as technical secretariat, and to provide support to ministerial and sectoral meetings relevant to the OAS. In addition, we instruct the creation of a specific fund to finance the activities to support the SIRG.

We further support consideration by the OAS, other inter-American organizations and national governments, of ways in which civil society can contribute to the monitoring and implementation of Summit mandates, for recommendation to the SIRG as well as further development of mechanisms and information systems to ensure the dissemination of information on the Summit of the Americas process and the commitments assumed by governments.