

- There has been strong endorsement of the use of confidence-and-security-building measures by States in the region (e.g. the conferences held on this issue in Santiago in 1995 and San Salvador in 1998).
- The region strongly supported the treaty to ban anti-personnel landmines (33 out of 34 Summit countries have signed).
- According to the North South Centre, a respected U.S. think tank, many countries have made progress on health reforms, pursuing increased equity, quality and efficiency of service.
- The Pan-American Health Organization has developed a regional plan of action to reduce maternal mortality by half by the end of the century, eliminate measles from the hemisphere, and substantially reduce infant mortality.