

## INTRODUCTION AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The information presented here was assembled as an internal working document of the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade (DFAIT). The intent is to assist Departmental officers engaged in preparations for the next Summit of the Americas, which will take place in Quebec City April 20-22. The data and related commentary should also prove useful in addressing the broader aspects of Canada's Hemisphere agenda. Recommended further steps to maximize the utility of this material are outlined in the following section (FOLLOW-UP: RECOMMENDATIONS).

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