## **SUMMIT OF THE AMERICAS**

## Quebec Summit outcomes/major achievements:

- The "democracy clause" makes respect for democratic values and practices an essential condition for participation in the Summits of the Americas process, including the FTAA.
- The Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA) by 2005 remains the central pillar of efforts to promote growth and expand economic opportunities.
- Hemispheric integration and cooperation must seek to ensure that the benefits of growth are shared and that poverty and inequalities are reduced.
- The balanced and coherent political, economic and social agenda in the Plan of Action presents a substantial and forceful response to the challenges of globalization.