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COMMUNIQUÉ ON THE SITUATION OF HAITI

WE, THE HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC COUNTRIES OF THE AMERICAS, gathered in the city of Mar del Plata, Argentina, on November 4 and 5, 2005 on the occasion of the Fourth Summit of the Americas, declare our firm support for the successful completion of a free and fair electoral process and the election of a stable, constitutional government in Haiti, to be inaugurated on Feb 7, 2006. We call on all parties to redouble their efforts in a spirit of openness and conciliation;

WE ACKNOWLEDGE the challenges to public security and the democratic, political, economic and social development of Haiti, and will continue to support the steps taken by the transitional Government of Haiti with the assistance of the international community to hold transparent elections, and to achieve the political transition. In the same manner, we praise and fully support the efforts made by the Organization of American States (OAS), the United Nations, and countries of the region to assist Haiti in overcoming its recurrent crisis. In particular, we applaud the active engagement of countries of the region in the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti (MINUSTAH) and its critical role in the restoration of stability and the establishment of peaceful democratic governance in Haiti;

BEARING IN MIND the priorities established by the transitional Government of Haiti, we offer our continued assistance in key issue areas such as security sector reform -- including the rebuilding of the Haitian National Police--, social and economic reconstruction, and reconciliation and resumption of democratic processes, and to the full restoration of the judicial system. Respect for the rule of law and human rights is critical in obtaining these objectives;

WE WELCOME the support of the international donor community and acknowledge the financial cooperation pledged at the International Donors Pledging Conference, hosted by the World Bank, the European Union, the Inter-American Development Bank, and the United Nations in July 2004. We stress the need for the resulting US\$1 billion in pledges to be disbursed in a timely manner in order to have a measurable impact on the lives of Haitians, and on the ability of the new government to address both immediate and long-term needs of the Haitian people;

WE PLEDGE our on-going support for the Interim Cooperation Framework (ICF), prepared jointly by the Government of Haiti and civil society with the collaboration of the international community, and its accompanying two-year reconstruction plan from July 2004 to September 2006. We commit to working with the new constitutional government to design and implement a long-term strategy for the development of Haiti, and

WE UNDERLINE the importance of the political processes under way leading to the establishment of a democratic and stable government in Haiti, based on respect for the rule of law, the growth of strong democratic institutions, and enabling the re-establishment of lasting peace and stability, key ingredients in the pursuit of prosperity.

COMMUNIQUÉ ON NICARAGUA

WE, THE HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC COUNTRIES OF THE AMERICAS, gathered in the city of Mar del Plata, Argentina, on November 4 and 5, 2005, on the occasion of the Fourth Summit of the Americas,

AWARE of the political developments that have been unfolding in Nicaragua, and appreciating the recently concluded political agreements, which reaffirm the necessity of the rule of law and the separation and independence of the branches of government, as essential elements of representative democracy;

RECOGNIZING the leading role and active commitment of the Organization of American States (OAS) and of its Secretary General, José Miguel Insulza, in devoting particular attention to the situation in that country with a view to ensuring full respect for the democratic regime;

WE CALL UPON the authorities and political leaders to devote their best efforts and energy to the search for solutions to the principal problems facing the nation through broad and open dialogue; and

WE URGE the OAS General Secretariat to continue lending its support to the process of dialogue and holding free and fair elections in Nicaragua.

COMMUNIQUÉ ON COLOMBIA

WE, THE HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC COUNTRIES OF THE AMERICAS, gathered in the city of Mar del Plata, Argentina, on November 4 and 5, 2005 on the occasion of the Fourth Summit of the Americas, express our recognition and support of peace-making efforts being undertaken in Colombia;

URGE members of the illegal armed groups to comply fully with the terms agreed upon for the demobilization, disarmament, and both individual and collective reintegration currently under way in that country, and

UNDERSCORE the contribution of the Organization of American States (OAS), through the OAS Mission to Support the Peace Process in Colombia (MAPP/OEA), and recognize the efforts made by the Secretary General of that Organization, José Miguel Insulza.

COMMUNIQUÉ ON BOLIVIA

WE, THE HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC COUNTRIES OF THE AMERICAS, gathered in the city of Mar del Plata, Argentina, on November 4 and 5, 2005, on the occasion for the Fourth Summit of the Americas, trust in the ability of the Bolivian society and political leaders to find institutional mechanisms for appropriate political solutions while respecting the rule of law and democratic legitimacy. We urge social and political actors to continue searching for the points of consensus needed to consolidate democracy with full respect for its institutions and for human rights;

WE SUPPORT the actions undertaken by the United Nations and the Organization of American States (OAS), as well as the declarations issued earlier by the Río Group, the Iberoamerican Summit, the Andean Community, and the Bolivia Support Group; and

WE PLEDGE the full support of the countries of the region for the efforts of the Government of President Eduardo Rodríguez Veltzé to hold free, sovereign, and transparent elections in December 2005 fully in accordance with existing constitutional provisions.

COMMUNIQUÉ REGARDING THE DOHA DEVELOPMENT ROUND

WE, THE HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC COUNTRIES OF THE AMERICAS, gathered on November 4 and 5, 2005, in the city of Mar del Plata, Argentina, take this opportunity to recognize the importance of the successful conclusion of the World Trade Organization Doha Development Round. Successful conclusion is an important step toward our larger goal: to give our citizens greater access to the world economy, creating prosperity, and boosting standards of living;

WE ACKNOWLEDGE that the greatest obstacles to achieving these goals are the subsidies, tariffs, and other barriers that limit our possibilities for growth and development;

WE KNOW that a successful and ambitious Doha Round will reduce or eliminate tariffs and other barriers. It will end unfair agricultural subsidies and will open up global markets for services;

WE RECOGNIZE the potential to lift the burden of poverty, create decent jobs and to promote prosperity and opportunity for all of our citizens, and we will work to eliminate agricultural subsidies that distort trade and stunt development, and to eliminate tariffs and other barriers to open markets for farmers around the world, and

WE ACKNOWLEDGE that expanding trade spreads hope and opportunity to all of our nations, and we are determined to work together to bring the World Trade Organization Doha Development Round to a successful conclusion.

WE TRUST that the other participants in the Round will join us in ensuring the successful conclusion of the Doha negotiations.