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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Summit Review Group to Meet in Washington D.C.**

July 18, 2008 - National Coordinators of the Summit Implementation Review Group (SIRG) of the Fifth Summit of the Americas will meet on Thursday July 24, 2008 at the headquarters of the Organization of American States (OAS) in Washington D.C.

The SIRG is the political body responsible for follow-up on Summit mandates, coordinating the Summit agenda, and preparing for future Summits.

National Coordinator for the Fifth Summit, Ambassador Luis Alberto Rodriguez, will present the Draft Declaration of Commitment of Port of Spain on the theme: "Securing our Citizens' Future by Promoting Human Prosperity, Energy Security and Environmental Sustainability."

The Meeting will also be addressed by OAS Secretary General, Dr Jose Miguel Insulza.

Ambassador Rodriguez expressed satisfaction that the technical work of the Summit is proceeding at "an impressive rate."

"The convening of the SIRG at this time signifies a high level of preparedness in the shaping of an agenda and outcome that will redound to the benefit of the peoples of the hemisphere," he said.

"We believe we have the makings of a document that engages the challenges of our countries in a manner as to spur action and change," he said.

The Fifth Summit of the Americas will be hosted in Port of Spain, Trinidad on April 17-19, 2009. It is the first time a Summit of the 34 democratically-elected countries of the OAS will be held in a Caribbean state.

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