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Miami Summit Initiatives Accomplished

Basket One: Preserving and Strengthening The Community of Democracies

The strengthening, effective exercise and consolidation of democracy constitute the central political priority of the Americas.

Main Post - Miami Achievements:

- Restore democracy to Haiti;
- Preserve democracy in Paraguay;
- Guatemala Peace Accords;

Additional Initiatives and Accomplishments:

- **Strengthening the Unit for the Promotion of Democracy of the OAS ("UPD")** to provide assistance on matters such legislative and judicial processes and participation by community organizations in local democracy.

ACCOMPLISHMENT: Funding for UPD increased 155% in four years to \$3.5 million.

- **Expeditionously ratifying Protocols to the OAS Charter.** Washington Protocol provides for the expulsion of a state from the OAS if democracy is interrupted.

ACCOMPLISHMENT: enough countries ratified Washington Protocol for it to come into force October 1997 during POTUS trip to Venezuela.

- **Initiate Regional Processes of Confidence and Security-Building.**

ACCOMPLISHMENTS: OAS countries

- adopted wide range of confidence-building measures;
- established OAS Committee on Hemispheric Security;
- held two Defense Ministerials (Williamsburg and Barriloche) to discuss ways of increasing mutual confidence and cooperative action;

- **Develop within the OAS a hemispheric approach to acts of corruption** in both the public and private sectors.

ACCOMPLISHMENT: As of February, 23 countries have signed and eight have ratified the OAS Anti-Corruption Convention; U.S. has submitted the Convention to Senate for advice and consent April 1998.

First such Convention in the world. Incorporates U.S. standards. Requires state to criminalize bribery of foreign officials (like Foreign Corrupt Practices Act.)

Basket Two: Promoting Prosperity Through Economic Integration and Free Trade

TRADE - Construct Free Trade of the Americas by 2005.

- Trade Ministers directed to take concrete initial steps (meetings in trade and investment for a; trade ministerials; determinations of areas of commonality) to achieve FTAA by 2005.

ACCOMPLISHMENT: Concrete initial steps completed; Trade Ministers have met annually and in 12 working groups to set the stage for launch of FTAA negotiations.

FINANCE - Build more open, transparent and integrated markets

Major Achievement

- Successful resolution of Mexican Peso Crisis;
- Current Latin American stability in face of Asian crisis;

Additional Initiative and Accomplishment

- Prepare with Inter-American Development Bank, a comprehensive list of national capital regulations in order to promote transparency.

ACCOMPLISHMENT: Database of region's financial systems completed in December 1997.

Basket Three: Eradicating Poverty and Discrimination in Our Hemisphere.

Objective: Expanded participation of the poor in the hemisphere's economic and social life.

Initiatives and Accomplishments:

- **Develop a Program to combat endemic and communicable diseases**

ACCOMPLISHMENT: Launched in 1995 with FLOTUS assistance, eradication of measles by 2000 has been successful.

- **Recommend to multilateral development organizations the establishment or fortification of funds ... to support microenterprises and small businesses.**

ACCOMPLISHMENT: Inter-American Development Bank adopted a 5-year \$500 million strategy to promote microenterprise.

Basket Four: Guaranteeing Sustainable Development and Conserving Our Environment for Future Generations.

Address environmental concerns within context of national sustainable development goals:

Main Achievement:

- December 1996 Santa Cruz Sustainable Development Summit

OAS Secretary General Gaviria will offer a progress report in Santiago on the Santa Cruz Action Plan

Report will cite:

Effective collaboration in promoting sustainable energy; industrial pollution prevention; urban sanitation; potable water;

Launch public/civil society partnership effort;

Launch Inter-American Biodiversity Information Network;

Additional Initiatives and Accomplishments:

- Develop and implement national action plans to phase out lead in gasoline.

ACCOMPLISHMENT: By 1996, 12 countries had eliminated leaded gas; by 2001 there will be 20.

Miscellaneous;

- **Request IDB** reinforce their plans to facilitate cultural exchanges and **flow of cultural and historical information.**

ACCOMPLISHMENT: A new Museum of the Americas is being developed via the Inter-American Development Bank and private sector.

SUMMIT OF THE AMERICAS ACTION ITEMS

“From Miami to Santiago: Advancing the Common Agenda”

Summit Action Items	Miami Summit Commitments “What We Said We’d Do”	Progress Since Miami Summit “What We’ve Done”	Santiago Summit Goals “What’s Left to Do”
1. Strengthen Democracy	- Strengthen the OAS Unit for Promotion of Democracy (UPD) - Adopt the new protocols for the defense of democracy and social issues	- Funding for UPD increased 155% in four years to \$3.5 million - Washington and Managua Protocols enacted	Extend democratic reforms and practices to local level
2. Protect Human Rights	Reinforce commitment to international conventions addressing human rights	OAS developing pilot projects based on a hemispheric action plan	Establish rapporteur at OAS to protect press freedom
3. Invigorate Civil Society	Better facilitate operation and financing of civil society groups	USAID created NGO network of 80 citizens groups in the Americas	- Agree to develop common principles for fostering the participation of citizen groups - Emphasize education in democratic values to produce better citizens
4. Promote Cultural Values	Increase exchanges among universities and centers of culture	- The Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts established 25 fellowships for fine arts study - New Museum of the Americas being developed via the IDB and private sector	Foster further exchanges of students, teachers, and school administrators in the hemisphere
5. Combat Corruption	Negotiate new hemispheric agreement on corruption	As of February 1998, 23 countries have signed and eight countries have ratified the OAS Anti-Corruption Convention (U.S. ratification pending)	Increase transparency through use of asset disclosure statements for senior public officials

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6. Control Illegal Drugs and Related Crime	• Increase collective and individual efforts to fight drug trafficking • Develop a hemispheric strategy against drugs • Forge a common approach to addressing financial crimes	• Numerous kingpins of the Cali and Medellin drug cartels were arrested • Overall drug use in the U.S. has declined; 1999 U.S. anti-drug budget largest in history • OAS Anti-Drug Strategy in the Hemisphere signed December 1996 • Summit governments are implementing a common anti-money laundering strategy, supported by the OAS	• Create a hemispheric anti-drug alliance with a multilateral review process, based on standards developed from Miami Summit and other international for a • Improve extradition procedures and denial of safe havens to criminals • Commit to establish national units to investigate financial crimes
7. Fight Terrorism	• Hold a conference on terrorism to recommend common actions against terrorism	• Recommendations adopted at the Lima Conference on Terrorism April 1996 • U.S. anti-terrorism laws greatly strengthened, which allows 30 foreign organizations to be designated as terrorists, and their assets to be frozen	• Commit to implement Lima Conference recommendations
8. Build Mutual Confidence	• Develop recommendations via a hemispheric conference for improving mutual security	• Eleven recommendations being implemented on a voluntary basis • Twenty-one Summit countries report an 87% increase in the practice of CSBMs in region since 1995	• Increase transparency in defense budgets • Endorse regime for advanced notification of major arms acquisitions

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9. Promote Free Trade in the Americas	Complete negotiations on the Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA) by 2005	Trade ministers have met annually and established 23 working groups to set the stage for FTAA negotiations	Launch FTAA negotiation phase
10. Expand Capital Markets	Develop a comprehensive list of all national capital flow regulations to promote transparency	Database of region’s financial systems completed in December 1997	Enact measures to ensure more stability of the region’s financial institutions
11. Develop Hemispheric Infrastructure	Foster a greater role for the private sector and multilateral development banks in infrastructure projects	Private sector, governments, IDB, and World Bank all supporting infrastructure development	Commit to new infrastructure development, especially in transportation systems
12. Improve Tele-communications	Improve the hemispheric information infrastructure, including through regulatory reform and consistency in equipment guidelines	Passage of new telecom legislation in the region that sets clear liberalization rules and promotes private sector participation	Stimulate electronic commerce through Internet and other technologies
13. Promote Science and Technology	Undertake new scientific cooperation and increase national scientific capacities	Regional fund begins operations in 1998 to support agricultural technology projects	Agree to increase cooperative research in the effects of El Niño and other natural hazards
14. Expand Tourism	Stimulate tourism in the hemisphere	Number of passengers in 1997 between the U.S. and Latin America exceeded trans-Pacific travel by 50% and rivaled trans-Atlantic flows	Incorporate tourism industry into FTAA negotiations

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15. Improve Access to Quality Education	Guarantee universal attendance of primary school and 75% attendance of secondary level by 2010	- USAID launched hemispheric effort to implement education initiative - Since the Miami Summit, primary school attendance in Mexico, Brazil, and Ecuador has reached 90%	- Channel additional funds into primary and secondary schools, including IFIs - Promote educational standards - Expand programs for textbooks and distance learning
16. Providing Basic Health Service	Develop a program to combat communicable diseases	Hemispheric initiative aimed at eradicating measles by 200 launched in 1995 with First Lady’s assistance	- Commit to new immunization programs in the hemisphere - Promote telemedicine use to improve access to medical information
17. Promote Role of Women in Society	Design policies and programs for maximizing the role of women in social, economic and political life	- Approval of system of indicators to monitor women’s rights - Several Summit countries passed laws bolstering women’s rights	Commit to remove barriers to the full participation of women in economic and political life and to protect women from domestic violence
18. Encourage Microenterprise and Small Business	Request development banks to establish funds for microenterprise	IDB adopted five-year, \$600 million strategy to promote microenterprise	Open new credit lines, training, and technology for microenterprise
19. Establish White Helmets	Voluntarily establish national corps to assist in humanitarian relief	Several missions have been deployed worldwide via the UN; U.S. provides technical assistance as requested	Consider increased humanitarian relief operations under mutual confidence and hunger programs

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20. Promote Sustainable Energy Use and Regional Energy Cooperation	- Initiate new projects in renewable energy, energy efficiency, and clean and conventional energy - Promote programs to reduce greenhouse gas emissions	- Renewable Energy in the Americas Initiative (REIA) identified 150 renewable energy projects to the private sector with an estimated value of \$2 billion - Santiago designated as the first Hemispheric Clean City, a program modeled after U.S. program	Advance Kyoto climate change accords and clean energy development
21. Establish Partnership for Biodiversity	Improve management of parks and protected areas	- Countries are now participating in a global program to preserve coral reefs - Biodiversity-rich parks in Bolivia, Brazil, Peru and Central America created or enlarged	Endorse implementation of Santa Cruz Summit Plan of Action
22. Establish Partnership for Pollution Prevention	- Develop national plans to eliminate lead from gasoline - Improve access to safe drinking water	- By 1996, twelve countries had eliminated leaded gas; by 2001, 20 countries expected - Water supply and sanitation system constructed in Haiti	- Commit to expand programs to improve quality of drinking water - Promote values in environmental stewardship