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Draft Political Commitment for the Ninth Summit of the Americas Action Plan on Health and Resilience in the Americas

We, the Heads of State and Government of the Americas, commit:

1. To reach consensus by the Tenth Summit of the Americas on an Action Plan for Health and Resilience in the Americas, to be implemented by 2030.
2. To address the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic through this Action Plan, assessing and strengthening the capacity and resilience of health systems and health value chains at the national and regional levels, placing individuals at the core of health and resilience policies, including physical and mental healthcare, and accounting for the disproportionate impact on and unique needs of members of vulnerable and marginalized groups, including women, youth, elderly persons, LGBTQ+ persons, persons with disabilities, members of indigenous communities, and members of racial, ethnic, and religious minorities.
3. To develop in earnest an Action Plan that includes, but is not limited to, identifying national and cooperative international measures to:
 - a. promote the harmonization and convergence of regulations governing health systems of the Americas to provide effective health services that reach our populations, especially those that are vulnerable and historically marginalized.
 - b. increase and strengthen the education and training of medical, public health, and biomedical scientific research professionals.
 - c. examine financing mechanisms, encouraging the involvement of national and international financial institutions and the private sector in strengthening health systems as well as pandemic preparedness and response, increasing research and development funding, expanding medical supply production capacities for regional health resilience, improving the efficiency and effectiveness of existing health budgets, and promoting ethical conduct to prevent corruption.
 - d. leverage digital tools and strengthen cooperation and the exchange of best practices for the development and application of these technologies, bearing in mind the importance of privacy, to facilitate access to treatment and preventive care, to bolster national and regional capacity to prevent, detect, and respond to infectious disease outbreaks, enhance health workforce capacity, and strengthen appropriate national monitoring systems.

- e. create the enabling environment for and strengthen the capacity to manufacture and trade safe, effective, and high-quality medical products in the region, and to adopt policies that support sustained multi-sectoral engagement including in the health, science and technology, industrial, and commercial sectors.
4. To emphasize the mainstreaming of human rights, equity and intersectionality, considering gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, race, age, ethnicity, and accessibility in all aspects of the Action Plan; and work to provide implementation of this plan that is crosscutting and includes an equitable and inclusive perspective on the resilience and economic, social, and cultural needs of our communities to prepare for and respond to current and future emergencies, with particular attention to the needs and challenges faced by vulnerable and historically marginalized populations.
 5. That ministers and responsible authorities will commit to assess gaps and develop an evidence-based action plan with input from diverse stakeholders, including the private sector, civil society, and other social actors.
 6. That ministers and responsible authorities develop and implement the Action plan with the support of the Organization of American States, the Pan American Health Organization, the Inter-American Development Bank, and other members of the Joint Summit Working Group, as appropriate.