

FIRST SUMMIT OF THE AMERICAS MODEL
DRAFT POLITICAL COMMITMENT FOR THE IX SUMMIT
DEMOCRATIC GOVERNANCE

This draft proposal is presented by Suriname, the United States of America, Uruguay, and Venezuela.

We, the Heads of States and Governments of the Americas, commit:

1. To propose the creation of the American Democracy Improvement Plan, from now on known as ADIP, we request that ADIP request and promote workshops, and training while on site with local states, NGOs, and relevant research centers focusing on good governance, transparent administration, democratic values, strengthening political institutions through social equality reinforcements, non-discrimination, and freedom of speech with respect and improvement. We suggest that the program reports every two months to the secretariat for strengthening democracy, which the executive office will distribute pertinently. We are fully aware of the continued promotion of democratic culture in our region through programs and activities designed to promote democratic principles and practices and strengthen this democratic culture in the hemisphere. Emphasizing good governance, democratic values, and creating political institutions is how this objective can be achieved.
2. To call on member states as a body and independently to implement and strengthen a regional framework that provides fair and impartial electoral processes. Member states should allow for better participation of voters and commit to further building democracy. We propose that member states create policies that will allow for previously incarcerated individuals to be allowed the opportunity to vote. We also advocate for more voter education; member states should develop strategies aimed at educating their population on the importance of voting and their rights as voters. By incorporating children's voting into every school's curriculum, by teaching the voting process to school aged children, they will be more likely to vote upon meeting the required voting age. This initiative will be supported and promoted by the American Democracy Improvement Plan (ADIP).
3. To promote forums and dialogues to facilitate the process of social participation. We propose the creation of an interactive application linked with local governance institutions to become a focal point for the establishment of forums and dialogues between the government and social actors, including the underrepresented and marginalized populations. To ensure accountability of the government with the support of independent agencies and ensure effectiveness.
4. To reiterate our commitment to anti-corruption practices and institutions, reaffirming the Lima Commitment on Democratic Governance of 2018, we call on member states to create an anti-corruption body within the OAS system that, in coordination with local anti-corruption entities and institutions, would promote and oversee the establishment of anti-corruption practices and processes within the member states. Greater

transparency can be instigated in the government by holding claims and promises made by politicians to greater scrutiny.

5. To call for greater and more thorough communication between member states and to eliminate those electoral practices which might result in the political disenfranchisement of a certain section of a country's population. Advocate for more transparent governments where promises are held accountable. Additionally, further education should be promoted so that people are knowledgeable about their rights. More thorough communication can be instigated with monthly or annual meetings among the OAS representatives of each member state. Establish safeguards against unfair elections, such as having a neutral state representative or OAS-approved official restricting mass disenfranchisement of a particular group by the government.
6. Upon the acceptance of the proposal of the Democratic Governance Working Group, the OAS member-states should provide evidence of the adoption of the aforementioned points within the 6 month term. The Republic of Uruguay, Suriname, Venezuela, and the United States of America commit to overseeing the process of providing evidence by the OAS member-states.