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I. General Statement

The Delegation of Guatemala welcomes all member states of the Organization of American States (OAS) in this year's Summit of Americas. With all the delegations gathered here to combat issues facing all member states in the western hemisphere. The Delegation of Guatemala urges member states to come together in the spirit of diplomacy to find viable solution to the many issues facing our planet and hemisphere. The Delegation of Guatemala is proud of its role as a charter member of the in the OAS and supports the essential aspects of maintaining allies throughout the western hemisphere. The Delegation of Guatemala sees itself here as an asset to the OAS and while concurrently maintaining that its sovereignty and independence should also be respected not only for our nation, but of every nation represented in the organization.

Guatemala has always been a nation influenced by its allies and there have been times in which others have sought to influence or change the governments that oversee our great nation. The government of Guatemala has primarily been operated under the auspices of a dictatorship, a situation that would not have changed without the help of the OAS. The OAS has always been a resource in which countries can depend to suggest and actuate solutions in which they themselves find them in and need to find the appropriate course of action to correct such issue. After becoming a member of the OAS Guatemala gained its president elected into office in 1944.

It is the belief of Guatemala to come together with all other members states present in this summit to continue to advance nations forward by diplomatic means. This includes expanding economic trade with other member states, recognizing nations as their own individual country, combating the known issue of human trafficking occurring within our own back yard, and maintaining natural resources by having some sort of regulation to ensure that the environment and resources aren't being depleted, leaving all member states with nothing more than degenerate wastelands.

The Delegation of Guatemala acknowledges the topics presented in the 2018 Summit of Americas and feels that each topic from every committee presented here today will make great strides towards making reasonable agreements in order to advance the interests of member states further. This can only be done by working together and finding the most effective way to implement change within our own countries. Guatemala urges member states to not think about the past and what has happened but to look to the future and see what their own country will look like and how that can be made into reality.

In the end the Republic of Guatemala is honored to have the opportunity to share its viewpoints and its ideals with every other member state gathered at this year's summit. Guatemala also hopes to see great leaps forward in order to address the issues presented today, that not only affects oneself but also effects every other member state that is gathered here today.

II. PARTICULAR STATEMENTS

A. Committee: General Committee (GC)

Topic A: Addressing the Rights of Migrants, Refugees, and Asylum Seekers

Throughout time there have always been people either migrating to other countries for the sake of seeking asylum. Many people have few choices but to leave their homes and go somewhere else entirely. These vulnerable refugees look to other countries for protection and do not wish to find themselves in the same conditions that they were seeking to escape. The right of migrants should be protected and addressed to ensure that not only the citizens are being protected but people have a chance at a better life than what they left behind. The Delegation of Guatemala strongly believes in making sure that migrants, refugees, and asylum seekers are treated with respect, dignity, and care. Guatemala believes by increasing relations with The Republic of China (Hereafter referred to as Taiwan) and recognizing them as their own separate and sovereign nation leads to an enhancement the betterment of international relations and therefore increases the amount of resources available to help others in need.

The Delegation of Guatemala recognizes the need to aid and support those that are in need of assistance and stands by our Taiwanese brethren who live under the shadow of Chinese oppression. By establishing “Safe Heavens” in the western hemisphere we are ensuring that refugees from Taiwan and China have a safe place where they can go and find peace, even if it’s for a moment. This resolution brings forth two major actions for the OAS to take as a body. 1) To recognize Taiwan as its own independent and sovereign nation-state, 2) Making these “Safe Heavens” all throughout the western hemisphere. Noting that there will certainly be some major conflict especially with recognizing Taiwan as a sovereign nation.

Topic B: Hemispheric Standards on Protection of Journalists & the freedom of Press

The Republic of Guatemala’s constitution strongly supports and protect freedom of speech and expression. Although freedom of press is not specifically mentioned the in the constitution and our support for this principle is far from perfect, it is highly prized as a fundamental value by Guatemalans. In the western Hemisphere, there are there are limits placed and no pan-hemispheric protections exist for journalist currently. The Delegation of Guatemala sees that this is an issue not only in its own country, but also an issue throughout the hemisphere. Guatemala proposes making a committee in order to further discuss in details what issue are present in each member nation in order to ensure that all member state get equal protection for their journalists.

Establishing a committee and then a task force to oversee the implementation of actions that have been approved by the committee would be the optimal outcome this way change is made slowly but surely. By establishing the task force enforce changes discusses in the committee, they would also set a schedule time to meet with each nations key government figures in order to ensure compliance with the ruling of the OAS committee. Also the task

force will have the backing of the OAS to enforce policies in each member state. The Delegation of Guatemala feels like this is the best course of action in order to protect the rights of journalist.

B. Committee: Executive Secretariat for Integral Development (SEDI)

Topic A: Hemispheric Cooperation on Climate Change Initiatives

The Delegation of Guatemala believes that discussing the course in which every member state is going to take at any point in the future, is beneficial not only for a select few but for everyone. The Delegation of Guatemala is thankful for the OAS's efforts to bring this issue to everyone's attention in the western hemisphere. The issue of climate change is an ongoing battle that we cannot afford to lose. As a nation that is dependent on its biodiversity, it is essential that the issue of climate change be addressed sooner rather than later. The Delegation of Guatemala believes that there are pre-emptive measures that are already existent the could be used to reduce each member state's dependence on oil and fossil fuels.

Guatemala urges all member's states to take into consideration the health of the general public and stand for what is right. The Delegation of Guatemala strongly stands for the creation of a climate summit where all member states in the OAS are present to discuss the best course of action. This summit is to be held and explicitly understood that greenhouse gasses that are the main culprit of climate change.

The Delegation of Guatemala is also proposing that during this summit we amend the OAS Declaration of the Rights and *Duties of Man*. To adopt the changes presented in the resolution to help facilitate transitions easier for everyone.

Topic B: Creating Mechanisms to Encourage Free and Fair Trade

The Delegation of Guatemala recognizes the importance of maintaining and growing its economy. With this being said, Guatemala also recognizes that other member states may not have the same opportunities as others to grow their economic sector. Having agriculture be a big part of member states economic and land resources. The Delegation of Guatemala aims to address the conflicts that arise from the government to the individual farmers who make up the agricultural sector. The Delegation of Guatemala sees this as the best case scenario for a couple of reasons: 1) This addresses the issue of employment which in turn would increase rather than decrease, 2) more return per transaction, this occurs when a nation has increase either the number of trading partners or there has been in increase in profitability, and 3) an increase in the localized standard of living, this would mean that there is an increase in money being taken in but also there is more money circulating in the economy.

The Delegation of Guatemala strongly urges member states to adopt such policies, seeing that there is a demand for expansion and it is growing daily. Understandably, no one wants to be left behind. Not only is increasing free trade have the effect of increasing a nations Gross Domestic Product (GDP), but it also decreases a nation's un-employment rate due to

increased production demands. The Delegation of Guatemala is proposing is that we as a body come together collectively and decide on this matter. There are member states that are already in a free trade agreement with other member states. If this committee sees fit to adopt one of the pre-existing resolution dealing with free trade and amending it to include all member states that is a viable alternative to this resolution.

C. Committee: Secretariat for Multidimensional Security (SMS)

Topic A: Combating Human Trafficking in the Hemisphere

Throughout the world, human trafficking has become the issue that no one likes to talk about, although perhaps they should. The Delegation of Guatemala appreciates the amount of pressure this puts not only to families of the victim but also the pressure of the countries to find the individuals responsible for this crime. Guatemala proposes that all member states gathered here at the annual summit to come together in diplomacy and work to not only fight human trafficking but also help the victim once they are no longer under the bondages of these “ring leaders.” Programs established by the United Nations (UN) have been proven effective in re-habilitating victim back into functioning members of society.

The Delegation of Guatemala would like to propose the establishment of rehabilitation centers throughout member states for the purpose of rehabilitating victims back into society, this in turn makes then an asset rather than a burden to the country in which they are freed from. Funding for such center and programs would come from the International Monetary Fund (IMF) since they have a budget specifically to aid those combating human trafficking. Continued funding would come from the United Nations Global initiative to Fight Human Trafficking (UN.GIFT)

In conclusion, the Delegation of Guatemala is looking forwards to a very productive Summit of Americas this year to combat pertinent issues that are plaguing various member states. Wishing for all member states to come to agreeance on various solution and later narrowing it down to the ones that seem the most promising and effective throughout all the member states in the OAS.