

## HEMISPHERIC MINISTERIAL AGREEMENT

### Ministerial Proposal on Agriculture and Rural Life for the Fourth Summit of the Americas

The Third Ministerial Meeting “Agriculture and Rural Life” within the context of the Summit of the Americas,

#### HAVING SEEN:

The presentation by Mr. Luis Alberto Rodriguez, Director of the Summits of the Americas Secretariat of the OAS,

The consensus reached on the Ministerial Proposal on Agriculture and Rural Life for the Fourth Summit of the Americas,

#### CONSIDERING:

That the dialogue on and efforts to reach consensus on the Declaration of Mar del Plata and its Plan of Action will continue at the SIRG Meeting (September 7-9) and subsequent meetings;

That we believe it is imperative to consolidate the positioning achieved for agriculture and rural life in earlier summits, as a contribution to the implementation of the AGRO 2003-2015 Plan,

#### AGREES:

1. To entrust the Chair of the Third Ministerial Meeting and the Secretariat with forwarding to the Chair of the SIRG (the following Ministerial Proposal on Agriculture and Rural Life:

#### Declaration of Mar del Plata

A comprehensive framework for rural and agricultural development, to promote investment, job creation and rural prosperity, as a contribution to the objectives defined in paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of this Declaration.

#### Plan of Action

We shall promote comprehensive national policies and strategies for agriculture that will encourage agricultural trade, investments in the rural milieu to contribute to its sustainable development, the creation of jobs and the improvement of living conditions in rural communities, and agricultural production based on principles of agricultural health and food safety.