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“Without a doubt, hemispheric meetings on key issues such as agriculture and rural life play a critical role in refining the focus and sustaining the momentum of the Summits of the Americas process. The National Secretariat for the Fifth Summit of the Americas recognizes the importance of Ministerial Meetings as an institutional mechanism for addressing strategic topics on the Inter-American agenda and coordinating the implementation of mandates agreed to by the Heads of State and Government. Over the past six years, the Ministerial Meetings on Agriculture and Rural Life have served not only as the highest political forum for Ministers of Agriculture to discuss priorities and strategic actions but also as the main avenue for placing agriculture and rural life squarely on the Hemispheric agenda.”

Closing ceremony of Fourth Ministerial Meeting
“Agriculture and Rural Life in the Americas”
La Antigua Guatemala, Guatemala, 2007

Ambassador Luis Alberto Rodriguez, Trinidad and Tobago
Chairperson of the Summit Implementation Review Group
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