



THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
TO THE
ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES
WASHINGTON, D.C.

July 17, 2007

Your Excellency:

I have the honor to transmit the enclosed note from Assistant Secretary of State for Western Hemisphere Affairs Thomas A. Shannon and a report on United States implementation of the Declaration of Security in the Americas and kindly request they be distributed for consideration by the member states of the Organization.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

Sincerely,

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J. Robert Manzanares
Acting U.S. Permanent Representative

Cc: Ambassador Alexandre Addor-Neto
Assistant Secretary for Multidimensional Security

His Excellency
José Miguel Insulza,
Secretary General of the
Organization of American States
Washington, D.C.



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Dear Ambassadors:

I am pleased to present you with this report on United States implementation of the Declaration on Security in the Americas. Since its adoption in 2003, the Declaration has guided U.S. engagement on multidimensional security in the hemisphere. In keeping with the principle that security is one of the key building blocks of stable democracies, our report highlights efforts to: broaden cooperation on counter-terrorism and counter-narcotics; foster confidence and security building measures; strengthen peacekeeper training exchanges; and further initiatives that contribute to the peaceful settlement of disputes.

While this report is not exhaustive, it is the product of extensive inter-agency consultations within the United States government. Here you will find information from over a dozen offices and bureaus within the Department of State, as well as the Departments of Defense, Justice, Treasury, Labor, Agriculture, and Energy, the National Security Council, the Agency for International Development, the Millennium Challenge Corporation, and the office of the U.S. Trade Representative, among others.

The security of our peoples and our states depends on cooperation. With the five-year anniversary of the Declaration approaching, now is the time to deepen our dialogue on the pressing security issues of the Americas. We look forward to receiving your views on this submission.

Sincerely,

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Thomas A. Shannon