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### MINUTES OF CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

# Thematic Line A CONSOLIDATION OF PEACE, CONFIDENCE, SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN THE AMERICAS

## Subtheme I Developing Mechanisms to Strengthen Peace, Security and Cooperation in the Hemisphere

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### I. Conclusions

- 1. We are living in times of new threats and situations which, in turn, give rise to new challenges.
- 2. Existing mechanisms should recognize these new realities in order to be strengthened rather than replaced.
- 3. We need crisis management and early warning mechanisms that facilitate conflict prevention.
- 4. Confidence-building measures are the basis for guaranteeing the future of our countries by creating an environment where the perception of confidence is the final objective, under the principle of reciprocity.
- 5. Sub-regional security and defense organizations and initiatives are important for generating confidence that produces an architecture of security and peace in the Americas.
- 6. Mutual confidence building-measures should operate under a principal of complimentarity.