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Good afternoon,

Your Excellency Mr. Hugo Rivera, Vice-Minister for Economic Affairs and International Cooperation of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Dominican Republic (MIREX).

Ms. Olaya Dotel, Vice-Minister for International Cooperation of the Ministry of Economy, Planning and Development of the Dominican Republic.

Dear participants, government representatives, directors of cooperation agencies, Cooperation Directors and Officers, representatives of subregional integration systems, representatives of multilateral organisations and agencies of the United Nations System.

On behalf of the Permanent Secretariat of the Latin American and Caribbean Economic System, I would like to congratulate you on the two extraordinary and intense days of work.

I reiterate my gratitude to the entire team of the Ministry of Economy, Planning and Development of the Dominican Republic for coordinating and supporting this event, and of course to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for their valuable support in such an important meeting within the framework of cooperation and integration efforts.

These two days have been undoubtedly enriching in terms of the experiences and best practices that you are developing in the field of cooperation. We take away with us the best impressions of the work that each of your countries and agencies are implementing to make cooperation a fundamental element of the economic and social recovery that the region requires.

SELA ratifies its commitment to facilitate, promote and coordinate activities that contribute to the international cooperation system, especially through South-South and Triangular cooperation, as well as to continue advancing and consolidating SELA's support through the Technical Working Group on Cooperation approved in the most recent Latin American Council Meeting in 2022.

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That is why all the actions undertaken in accordance with SELA's Work Programme for 2022-2026 conceive cooperation as a cross-cutting issue. In the current international context, it is necessary to count on the greatest will of States in terms of cooperation and convergence, i.e., greater integration. As I have mentioned on other occasions, *"it is urgent to look more inwards within the region and discover or, as the case may be, reinforce the advantages that link and reaffirm our common interests and needs, in order to build better integration that will benefit the more than 640 million inhabitants of our Latin American and Caribbean region."*

Therefore, initiatives such as the one carried out during these two days reaffirm SELA's commitment and willingness to work and contribute to effective cooperation among our States, providing countries, together with the various international cooperation agencies, as well as multilateral agencies, with an effective space for exchange and rapprochement.

We are deeply grateful for each one of the presentations and interventions made by the panellists. This is undoubtedly the perfect space to reinforce and renew integration efforts through cooperation.

To conclude, allow me once again to thank you all for your presence, the Government of the Dominican Republic, and specifically the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Economy, Planning and Development of the Dominican Republic and the excellent professional, technical and administrative team that has supported us and made the organisation of this meeting possible.

Thank you very much.