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Date: November 10, 2008
Time: 10:30 a.m.
Place: Salón San Cristóbal, Sheraton Hotel

Participants:

Officials:

Michelle Bachelet	President of Chile
José Miguel Insulza	OAS Secretary General
Alejandro Foxley	Minister of Foreign Affairs of Chile
Jacqui Quinn-Leandro	President of the CIM
Laura Albornoz	Principal Delegate of Chile to the CIM

CIM Delegates:

Antigua and Barbuda	Jacqui Quinn-Leandro
Argentina	Magdalena Faillace
Bahamas	Loretta Butler-Turner
Barbados	Irene Sandford-Gardner
Belize	Anne-Marie Williams
Bolivia	Martha Evelyn Agreda Rodríguez
Brazil	Nilcéa Freire
Canada	Clare Beckton
Chile	Laura Albornoz Pollman
Colombia	Martha Lucía Vázquez Zawadzky
Costa Rica	Jeannette Carrillo Madrigal
Dominican Republic	Alejandrina Germán
Ecuador	Ana Lucía Herrera Aguirre
El Salvador	Karla Vanessa Lemus Reyes
Grenada	Glynis Roberts
Guatemala	Sonia Escobedo
Guyana	Pauline Sukhai
Haiti	Anne Marie Coriolan

Honduras	Doris García
Jamaica	Faith Webster
Mexico	María del Rocío García Gaitán
Nicaragua	María Robleto
Panama	Rina Rodríguez
Paraguay	Gloria Godoy de Rubín
Peru	Hugo Otero
Saint Kitts and Nevis	Ingrid Charles Gumbs
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	Rosita Snagg
Suriname	Chitrawatie Mohanlan
Trinidad and Tobago	Monica Williams
United States	Wanda K. Jones
Uruguay	Carmen Beramendi
Venezuela	Elida Aponte

The master of ceremonies declared the inaugural session open at 10:30 a.m., welcoming all delegates present.

Laura Albornoz, Principal Delegate to the CIM and Minister of Women's Affairs of Chile, delivered a speech, which has been published in document CIM/INF. 1/08.

Then the President of the CIM, Jacqui Quinn-Leandro, addressed the meeting. Her speech has been published as document CIM/IMF. 2/08.

This was followed by a speech by the Secretary General of the OAS, José Miguel Insulza, published as document CIM/INF. 3/08.

Lastly, Dr. Michelle Bachelet, President of Chile, delivered a speech, published as document CIM/INF. 4/08.