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[CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS AT THE CHAIR/HELM, PARROT ON HIS SHOULDER;  
**CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS**, STARBOARD, WEARING AN EYEPATCH;  
CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS, PORTSIDE, WITH A PEG LEG.]

[PROJECTION/SIGN]

DECLARATION OF QUEBEC CITY  
THIRD SUMMIT OF THE AMERICAS  
QUEBEC CITY, CANADA  
APRIL 20-22, 2001

[IMAGES FROM QUEBEC CITY PROTESTS ARE PROJECTED THROUGHOUT THIS SCENE]

**We, the democratically elected Heads of State  
and Government of the Americas,  
have met in Quebec City at our Third Summit,  
to renew our commitment to hemispheric integration  
and national and collective responsibility  
for improving the economic well-being  
and security of our people.  
We have adopted a Plan of Action  
to strengthen representative democracy,  
promote good governance  
and protect human rights  
and fundamental freedoms.  
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**Threats to democracy today take many forms.  
To enhance our ability to respond to these threats,  
we instruct our Foreign Ministers  
to prepare, in the framework  
of the next General Assembly of the OAS,  
an Inter-American Democratic Charter  
to reinforce OAS instruments  
for the active defense  
of representative democracy.**

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**Free and open economies, market access,  
sustained flows of investment, capital formation,  
financial stability, appropriate  
public policies, access to technology  
and human resources development and training  
are key to reducing poverty and inequalities,  
raising living standards and promoting  
sustainable development.**

The Admiral went to the river  
and saw shining in it  
some stones with gold-colored spots on them,  
and he remembered that in the Tagus River,  
in the lower part, near the sea, gold is found;  
and it seemed certain to him  
that this one should have gold.

**We will work with all sectors of civil society  
and international organizations to ensure  
that economic activities contribute  
to the sustainable development of our societies.**

And he ordered certain of those stones  
collected to take to the sovereigns.

**We welcome the significant progress  
achieved to date toward the establishment  
of a Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA),  
including the development  
of a preliminary draft FTAA Agreement.**

While he was thus occupied, the ships' boys  
shouted that they saw pine groves.

**As agreed at the Miami Summit, free trade,  
without subsidies or unfair practices,  
along with an increasing stream  
of productive investments**

**and greater economic integration,  
will promote regional prosperity,**  
He looked up toward the mountains  
and saw them, so large and admirable  
that he could not praise [sufficiently]  
their height and straightness, **thus enabling  
the raising of the standard of living,  
the improvement of working conditions  
of people in the Americas**

like spindles, thick and thin, where  
he recognized that ships could be made  
**and better protection of the environment.**  
and vast quantities of planking and masts  
for the greatest ships of Spain.

He saw oak and arbutus  
and a good river and material  
to make water-powered sawmills.

**We direct our Ministers to ensure  
that negotiations of the FTAA Agreement  
are concluded no later than January 2005  
and to seek its entry into force  
as soon as possible thereafter, but in any case,  
no later than December 2005.**

*The Venezuelan delegation reserves its position  
on paragraph 15 of the Declaration of Quebec City  
and paragraph 6-A of the Plan of Action,  
in light of consultations that are taking place  
in various sectors of the national government  
dedicated to our internal legislation,  
in order to fulfill the commitments that would result  
from the implementation of the FTAA in the year 2005.*

**This will be a key element for generating  
the economic growth and prosperity  
in the Hemisphere  
that will contribute to the achievement  
of the broad Summit objectives.**



**The Agreement should be balanced,  
comprehensive and consistent  
with World Trade Organization (WTO) rules  
and disciplines and should constitute  
a single undertaking.** He saw along the beach  
many other stones the color of iron  
and others that some said were from silver mines,  
all of which the river brought.  
He reached the mouth of the river  
and went into an opening  
at the foot of that cape,  
which was very deep and large,  
and in which there would be room  
for a hundred ships  
without any cables or anchors.  
And he indicates that he has received  
from seeing it, and even more so  
from the pine trees,  
inestimable joy and pleasure;  
**We commit ourselves to promote  
programs for the improvement of agriculture  
and rural life and agrobusiness  
as an essential contribution  
to poverty reduction  
and integral development.**  
because as many ships  
as might be wanted could be made there,  
bringing out their equipment  
except for wood and pitch, of which  
plenty would be made there.  
**We will work to ensure that the input  
from the Indigenous Conclave of the Americas,  
held in Guatemala, and the Indigenous Peoples  
Summit of the Americas, held in Ottawa,  
is reflected in the implementation  
of the Summit of the Americas Declaration**

**and Plan of Action. We support efforts  
towards early and successful conclusion  
of negotiations on the Proposed  
American Declaration  
on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples,  
which will promote and protect  
their human rights  
and fundamental freedoms.**

He affirms that he is not praising it  
a hundredth part of what it is, and that  
it pleased Our Lord always to show him  
one thing better than the other,  
and that always, in what he had discovered  
up to this point, he had gone from good to better,  
as well in lands and groves and plants  
and fruits and flowers as in people.

**The Summits of the Americas  
exist to serve people.**

**We must develop effective,  
practical and compassionate solutions  
for the problems that confront our societies.**

**We do not fear globalization,  
nor are we blinded by its allure.**

And finally he says that,  
when to him who sees it  
it is so greatly admirable, how much more so  
it will be to him who hears about it,

**We are united in our determination to leave  
to future generations a Hemisphere  
that is democratic and prosperous,  
more just and generous,  
a Hemisphere where no one is left behind.**  
and that no one will be able to believe it  
if he does not see it.

**We are committed to making this  
the century of the Americas.**

