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SUBREGIONAL NETWORK OF CENTRAL AMERICA AND THE SPANISH-SPEAKING CARIBBEAN COUNTRIES FOR THE FOLLOW-UP OF THE WSSD AND THE MDGs

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The *Subregional Network for the follow-up of the Social Summit and the MDGs* is a partnership of institutions from Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and Panama that since 2000 has worked to support its member countries in the follow-up and implementation of the WSSD's Commitments and the social goals of the MDGs at national level. Its activities include exchange of experiences and best-practices, exchange and dissemination of national information, the operation of a Web Page and training, on the basis of a subregional framework.

Guatemala was elected Subregional Coordinator of the Network for the period 2004-2005 in June 2004. Mrs. Castro Mazariegos is both the National Coordinator of the Network in Guatemala and the Protempore 2004-2005 Subregional Coordinator. In her presentation, she will explain the purposes of the Network and the model of subregional cooperation used by the member countries to enhance national responsibilities to the follow up of the Commitments and Social goals agreed at WSSD and the Millennium Summit. She will also present the Plan of Action of the Network for 2004-2005 and the draft of an initiative to institutionally strengthen the Network's members through a technical cooperation project currently underway with the support of DESA and ECLAC/Mexico. Additional information can be obtained from darcy@un.org (DPADM) and saiz-omenaca@un.org (DSPD)