

US, Canada Obstruct Final Declaration at Summit of the Americas



Panama City, April 10 (RHC) Argentine Foreign Minister Hector Timerman confirmed on Thursday that the Summit of the Americas taking place in Panama will not issue a final declaration due to opposition from Canada and the United States.

“There was no agreement on several points and as a result this summit will not have a final document,” said Timerman, adding that he considered it a “shame.”

The lack of a final declaration, which is traditional during these summits, is attributed specifically to the intransigence of representatives from the United States and Canada who opposed certain clauses contained within the draft.

Sources at the meeting revealed that officials representing U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry vetoed a demand by Venezuela that the Final Declaration should include a condemnation of sanctions the United States has imposed on it.

In addition, other reports said the US and Canada opposed clauses in the draft that made references to the strengthening of collective rights, and that called on states to have greater obligations.

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