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The benefits of the marshes do not end there. When visitors look out over the sea of reeds, they are in fact looking at a massive filtration system of plants and microorganisms that trap and consume the sediments and nutrients that would otherwise pollute the coastal waters.

One of the benefits of the Sea Island Summit is that it will provide the opportunity to highlight coastal Georgia’s environmental stewardship to the world and display how it complements the state’s economy. There is no better example of this than the marshes that will stretch before the eyes of each and every Sea Island Summit visitor.

### Tony Schopp

**President of the Savannah Area Convention and Visitors Bureau**

Tony viewed the Sea Island Summit 2004 as a wonderful opportunity for coastal Georgia’s businesses and communities to grow closer together. The Georgia coast has wonderful potential, and the Savannah Area Convention and Visitors Bureau is focused not just on short-term benefits from the Summit, but on using the Summit’s exposure to market the area as a residential and tourism location to the rest of the world.

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### SEA ISLAND SUMMIT Q & A

**One of the 2004 G8 SPOs main objectives is to keep the residents of Sea Island, St. Simon’s Island, and coastal Georgia informed about the Sea Island Summit. Questions and answers will appear monthly in the Sea Island Summiteer and online at www.g8usa.gov.**

### What is the 2004 G8 Summit Planning Organization?

The 2004 G8 Summit Planning Organization (SPO) is part of the U.S. Department of State, and its staff are U.S. Government employees. The SPO is responsible for developing the logistical needs for the Summit, including preparing the meeting site for the G-8 leaders; creating the International Media Center in Savannah, and booking accommodations for all Summit participants.

### What G8 Summit events will involve public participation?

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### RUSSIA

**Official Name:** Russian Federation

- **Population:** 143 million
- **Language:** Russian
- **Capital:** Moscow
- **Region:** Eurasia
- **Government:** Federation
- **Currency:** The Ruble
- **GDP (2002):** $287.7 billion
- **Climate:** Ranges from subarctic to subtropical
- **Fun Fact:** At 6.5 million square miles, Russia is the largest country in the world by landmass.

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### SUMMIT SECURITY

The security plan for the 2004 G8 Summit has been in development since the selection of Sea Island, Georgia and is truly a collaborative effort among local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies. The United States Secret Service is leading a wide range of local and state agencies in the planning process.

State agencies involved in security assessments and implementation of the security plan include: Georgia State Police, Georgia Bureau of Investigations, Georgia Emergency Management Agency, Georgia National Guard, Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Georgia Department of Transportation, Georgia Department of Motor Vehicles, Georgia Port Authority Police, and the Georgia Department of Homeland Security. In addition, the following local agencies are engaged in the primary security planning: Savannah Police Department, Chatham County Police, Chatham County Sheriff’s Office, Glynn County Police Department, Brunswick Police Department, and the Glynn County Sheriff’s Office.

Each of these agencies brings not only their human and technical resources, but their operational expertise as well. Other state and local agencies will also provide manpower and equipment to ensure a safe and secure environment for both the event participants and the local area residents.
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