“We are building a new way of interacting with citizens”
Our commitments

1. “Develop new channels for interacting with citizens, which allow for and encourage their contributions and monitoring throughout the entire legislative process.”

2. “Develop mechanisms to facilitate citizen’s effective participation in legislative processes.”

3. “Strengthen inter-institutional links with other state powers; and establish links with Civil Society Organizations related to best practices for Open Government.”

4. “Make administrative and financial management more transparent by developing simple tools for straight-forward citizen consultation.”

5. “Implement best practices for ethics and legislative transparency.”
What did we do?

1. Formed Parliamentary Committees in both Chambers.

2. Implemented an Action Plan through a resolution.

3. Established follow-up and control mechanisms for the implementation.
### Governance structure

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Next steps
The fundamentals...

- Assert the institutionality of the Legislative Transparency processes in both chambers of Congress.
- Progress in making the culture of transparency, probity, and accountability pillars of parliamentary and public management.
- Establish a code of ethics for public management through a broad and participatory process.
- Maintain institutional interaction with Civil Society Organizations.
- Do not lower the level of political commitment of legislators, with supporting ideas and values.
Lessons learned

• We identified opportunities for designing new mechanisms for citizen participation that were more transparent and representative.

• The initiative allowed us to develop a new institutional culture that was more proactive.

• Initiatives like those of Open Parliament encourage and facilitate citizen participation, leading to legislative outcomes that are more efficient and effective and contributing to greater institutional credibility.
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Thank you!!!

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