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Legislators and social movement leaders from across the hemisphere to dialogue on joint efforts for women's empowerment

ParlAmericas, in collaboration with the Chamber of Deputies of Argentina, will hold a gathering titled *Women's Empowerment: Social and Political Responses*, from May 23 to 24 in Buenos Aires, Argentina. This gathering will bring together legislators from more than 20 countries of the hemisphere to analyse the ways in which civil society and parliamentary actors can collectively advance gender equality.

The keynote address will be delivered by Minou Tavárez Mirabal, a former parliamentarian and former presidential candidate from the Dominican Republic whose career has centred on social justice causes. Other speakers include activists who have been on the frontlines of mobilizations demanding an end to impunity for femicide and sexual violence, and calling for respect for women's human rights and leadership in post-conflict situations. These leaders represent *Ni Una Menos* and Tambourine Army, collectives dedicated to combatting gender violence in Latin America and the Caribbean respectively, as well as the women's movement for peace in Colombia and the Women's March on Washington in the United States.

President of ParlAmericas, Senator Marcela Guerra (Mexico), elaborated that "as women from across the region have taken to the streets to raise their voice and demand our political and social rights, from our legislative seats women parliamentarians of the Americas and the Caribbean continue to promote public policies to ensure women's empowerment."

On the margins of this event, ParlAmericas will offer a workshop for male delegates on strategies to be effective allies for gender equality in parliamentary contexts.

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