



THEMES: Security, citizen security, cyber-violence, cyber-security, transnational organised crime, regional cooperation, human rights

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LOCATION: Lima, Peru

PARTICIPANTS: More than 60 parliamentarians, parliamentary staff, specialists, representatives of international organisations, and civil society from 13 Latin American countries

HOST: Congress of the Republic of Peru



This activity is aligned with SDGs 5, 16, and 17.



Beyond Borders: Regional Security Strategies

This meeting provided a space to review the complex security situation in the region and foster the exchange of good legislative practices on multidimensional, holistic, and human rights-centred models of security governance. The dialogues highlighted the need to strengthen the rule of law and institutions, reduce inequalities, and promote inclusion and sustainable development as necessary conditions to address crime comprehensively.

The sessions focused on the topics of citizen security, transnational organised crime, cybersecurity, as well as cyber-violence and its disproportionate impact on girls, youth and women.



AGENDA HIGHLIGHTS

Opening round table:

- Member of Congress **Yessica Rosselli Amuruz** (Peru), Third Vice-President of the Congress of the Republic, ParlAmericas Board Member, and host of the event
- Senator **Germán Blanco** (Colombia), ParlAmericas Board Member

Keynote speakers:

- Dr. **Bettina Woll de Montenach**, Resident Representative in Peru, UNDP
- **José Elice**, Executive Director, Proética and former Minister of the Interior of Peru

Dialogues moderated by:

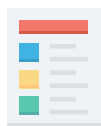
- Member of the Chamber of Deputies **Cristián Araya** (Chile)
- Member of the Chamber of Deputies **Brenda Ogando** (Dominican Republic)
- **Nadia Ramos**, Coordinator, William J. Perry Center for Peace, Security and Defence Alumnae Network

Panellists:

- Senator **Carmen Gloria Aravena Acuña** (Chile), First Vice-President for South America of the ParlAmericas Parliamentary Network for Gender Equality
- Member of the Chamber of Deputies **Sergio Capozzi** (Argentina)
- Member of the Chamber of Deputies **Margarita Stolbizer** (Argentina), Vice-President for South America of the ParlAmericas Parliamentary Network on Climate Change and Sustainability
- Senator **Derlis Maidana** (Paraguay)
- Member of the Chamber of Deputies **Carlos D'Alessandro** (Argentina)
- Representative **Rodrigo Goñi** (Uruguay)
- Colonel **Lourdes Barriga Abarca**, Academic Coordinator, Center for Higher National Studies
- **Noam López Villanes**, Advisor and researcher, Institute of Social Analytics and Strategic Intelligence PULSO, Pontifical Catholic University of Peru

- Senator **Iván Flores** (Chile)
- Member of Congress **Carmen Patricia Juárez Gallegos** (Peru)
- Member of Congress **Mauricio Rivera** (Honduras)

- **Carlos Charme Fuentes**, Public Security expert, Development Bank of Latin America and the Caribbean - CAF
- **Percy Medina**, Head of Mission for Peru, International IDEA
- **Anne Ramírez**, Coordinator, AMASSURU Peru
- **María Angélica Castillo Ríos**, Cybersecurity specialist
- **Luz Patricia Mejía**, Technical Secretary, Follow-up Mechanism to the Belém do Pará Convention - MESECVI
- **Elaine Ford**, Founding Director, Digital Democracy
- **Javier Montaña**, Head of Programme Office, Peru, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime - UNODC



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Closing remarks:

- His Excellency **Louis Marcotte**, Ambassador of Canada to Peru and Bolivia
- Member of Congress **Yessica Rosselli Amuruz** (Peru), Third Vice-President of the Congress of the Republic, ParlAmericas Board Member, and host of the event

KEY CONCLUSIONS FROM THE INTERPARLIAMENTARY DIALOGUE

- The fight against transnational organised crime in the region requires cooperation between countries, particularly in articulating harmonised legal frameworks, implementing joint operations, and strengthening initiatives to generate and share data on the dynamics and trends of crime.
- Parliaments play a crucial role in overseeing the protection of human rights in the context of addressing insecurity. This includes legislation and political oversight to ensure the rule of law and adherence to international human rights commitments.
- It is essential for parliaments to advocate for the implementation of comprehensive and coordinated policies that address all dimensions of security, including crime prevention, criminal justice, rehabilitation, and social reintegration. Such efforts should be carried out in close collaboration with communities, the government at its various levels, and relevant security agencies, ensuring the professionalisation of the police force and the appropriate allocation of resources while maintaining a human rights-centred approach.
- Comprehensive security policies must incorporate gender and intersectional lenses, ensuring an effective response to the specific vulnerabilities of different segments of the population, promoting equality, and improving the resilience of communities. This includes training security personnel on gender issues and increasing women's participation in leadership spaces in the defense and security sector.
- Citizen security is a multilayered challenge that must be addressed with comprehensive approaches that recognise the underlying causes of crime, such as poverty, social inequality, and exclusion, to prevent crime and violence. New security governance models should promote the use of quality data for decision-making and the empowerment of local leadership.

Member of Congress Yessica Rosselli Amuruz (Peru), Third Vice-President of the Congress of the Republic, ParlAmericas Board Member, and host of the event

"From our role as parliamentarians, we not only have the responsibility to address security at the national level through our legislative, budgetary, and oversight functions, but we also have the opportunity to work collaboratively on the international stage, as we have done in this meeting through parliamentary diplomacy, to exchange experiences, share best practices, and design strategies, since security challenges extend beyond our national borders."

Senator Germán Blanco (Colombia), ParlAmericas Board Member

"It is imperative to rethink strategies to combat organised crime by emphasising the need to continue building comprehensive and systemic security governance models, addressing issues such as crime and violence prevention and control, institutional strengthening, justice application, reduction of inequalities, and social reintegration."

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