

## PRELIMINARY AGENDA

### Second Gathering of the ParlAmericas Parliamentary Network on Security

#### *Public Security in the Americas and the Caribbean: Parliamentary Responses to Organized Crime and Violence*

October 21, 22, and 23, 2026 | Valparaíso, Chile

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The second gathering of the ParlAmericas Parliamentary Network on Security will be held in a hemispheric context in which public insecurity has become one of the primary challenges affecting people's daily lives, the wellbeing of communities, and opportunities for social and economic progress.

The expansion of illicit economies, the sophistication of criminal networks, lethal violence, extortion, and other manifestations of insecurity are placing growing pressure on States, justice systems, and democratic governance. The Gathering will offer a space for parliamentarians from the Americas and the Caribbean to examine regional trends, share national experiences and good practices, and reflect on the role of parliamentary action to strengthen effective public security policies that align with the rule of law and human rights and contribute to the safety of people and communities.

#### **Tuesday, October 20**

During the day   Arrival of parliamentary delegations

#### **Wednesday, October 21**

8:30               Transfer of participants to the National Congress of Chile

9:00 - 12:00     **Workshop co-organized with International IDEA**

12:00 - 14:00   **Lunch**

14:00 - 14:45   **Inauguration and Welcoming Remarks**

14:45 - 16:00   **Session 1 – High-level dialogue - Public Security in the Americas and the Caribbean: Trends and Impacts**

*This session will provide an overview of the main trends shaping the public security landscape in the Americas and the Caribbean. Drawing on regional data and comparative information, the conversation will examine the changing realities of*

*violence, crime, and perceptions of insecurity, as well as the security challenges affecting different countries of the hemisphere.*

16:00 - 16:15 **Official Photograph**

16:15 - 16:30 **Health Break**

16:30 - 18:30 **Session 2 – Illicit Economies: The Financing of Criminal Networks and the Circulation of Illicit Funds**

*Through a panel discussion, this session will examine the main illicit economies that finance organized crime in the region, including drug trafficking, human trafficking, arms trafficking, extortion, illegal mining, and cybercrime. It will also explore how these resources infiltrate the formal economy and influence public institutions, territories, and social dynamics. The discussion will address phenomena such as money laundering, corruption, and the use of cryptocurrencies, as well as their effects on economic dependence, market distortions, institutional weakening, and democratic governance.*

18:30 Transfer of participants to the dinner venue

19:00 Dinner hosted by the Senate of Chile

#### **Thursday, October 22**

08:30 - 09:00 Transfer of participants to the National Congress of Chile

9:00 - 10:15 **Special Presentation – Paz Ciudadana Foundation**

10:15 - 11:45 **Session 3 – Public Insecurity and Daily Life: Impacts on People and Communities**

*This panel will examine the human and community dimensions of public insecurity, analyzing how its various manifestations affect the daily lives, rights, and wellbeing of individuals and communities. It will explore issues such as homicides, extortion, the recruitment of children and youth by criminal networks, and the differentiated impacts of insecurity on women, girls, and other historically marginalized groups. The session will facilitate reflection on how these dynamics transform everyday life, limit opportunities, affect participation in public life, and generate new pressures on the institutions responsible for protecting people and communities.*

11:45 - 12:00 **Health Break**

12:00 - 13:45 **Session 4 – Public Security Under Pressure: Effectiveness and Human Rights**

*This session will examine responses to public insecurity through an approach centred on the protection of people and communities, the rule of law, human rights, and States' international obligations. The discussion will explore how to ensure that the*

*exercise of State powers, particularly in contexts of intense pressure to deliver immediate results, remains consistent with the principles of legality, proportionality, effectiveness, the protection of rights, and accountability. It will also examine the role of parliaments in ensuring that responses to public insecurity are subject to democratic deliberation, parliamentary oversight, and public scrutiny.*

13:45 - 15:00 **Lunch**

15:00 - 17:30 **Session 5 – Panel and Working Groups - Public Security and Justice: Institutional Capacities to Address Crime**

*This session will examine how strengthening and modernizing justice systems can improve responses to crime, reduce impunity, and consolidate more effective and legitimate public security policies. Beginning with an introductory presentation, it will provide an overview of the institutional capacities, conditions, and reforms needed for justice systems to respond more effectively to the different manifestations of insecurity, in accordance with human rights and States' international obligations.*

*Parliamentarians will then engage in working group discussions to exchange national experiences, good practices, and lessons learned on specific dimensions of the justice system related to public security.*

*Thematic working groups:*

- **Working Group 1: Legal Frameworks to Address Crime**  
Institutional coordination, investigative capacities, and responses to criminal networks and high-impact crimes.
- **Working Group 2: Justice for Victims and Affected Communities**  
Judicial responses, victim protection, and access to justice for communities affected by violence and crime.
- **Working Group 3: Prison Systems and Social Reintegration**  
Governance of prison systems, social reintegration, addressing overincarceration and prison overcrowding, reducing recidivism, and preventing criminal control within carceral facilities.

17:30 Transfer of participants to the official hotel

## **Friday, October 23**

08:30 - 09:00 Transfer of participants to the National Congress of Chile

- 09:00 - 10:45 **Session 6 – Intelligence Systems and Parliamentary Oversight for Public Security**  
*This session will examine the role of intelligence systems in preventing and responding to public security threats. It will explore relevant legal frameworks, mechanisms for coordination and information-sharing, and challenges related to governance, oversight, and accountability. From a parliamentary perspective, the discussion will focus on the role of parliaments in establishing oversight mechanisms and safeguards that strengthen these capacities in accordance with democratic principles and the rule of law.*
- 10:45 - 11:00 **Health Break**
- 11:00 - 12:30 **Session 7 – Artificial Intelligence and State Capacities for Public Security**  
*This session will examine how artificial intelligence and the use of data can strengthen State capacities for preventing, investigating, and responding to public security challenges. It will explore their potential to process information, identify criminal patterns, support decision-making, and improve interinstitutional coordination. The discussion will also address emerging concerns related to the collection, storage, and use of personal data by digital platforms and technology providers in the field of public security, as well as the implications these practices may have for surveillance, privacy, and human rights.*
- 12:30 - 13:30 **Closing**
- Reading of the official declaration of the Second Parliamentary Gathering on Security
  - Vote of thanks
  - Closing remarks
- 13:30 Lunch and cultural activity



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