



STATEMENT

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In the wake of the passing of Member of the National Assembly of Ecuador Bairon Valle, former member of the ParlAmericas Board of Directors, on Tuesday, December 8, 2020, ParlAmericas expresses its sincere condolences and sentiments of solidarity to the family of Member of the National Assembly Valle, the Members of the National Assembly of Ecuador, and the Ecuadorian people.

Member of the National Assembly Valle's sense of responsibility and commitment to democratic principles will be part of his valued legacy. He will be remembered for his personal warmth, kindness, temperament, and commitment, especially throughout his time as a representative of Ecuador on the ParlAmericas Board of Directors, where he actively participated and made valuable contributions to the vision and strategy of our institution. He will also be remembered for his contributions to our various meetings, study visits, and high-level interparliamentary gatherings and for his work in favour of legislative openness in the National Assembly of Ecuador.

ParlAmericas and the parliamentarians who had the honour of sharing in work gatherings and exchanges with Member of the National Assembly Valle will be eternally grateful.

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