

Commitment for Parliamentary Engagement in the Summits of the Americas Process IX Summit of the Americas Building a Sustainable, Resilient, and Equitable Future

We, the ParlAmericas Board of Directors designated by the national parliaments that comprise ParlAmericas and charged with its governance, welcome the inclusion of a mandate in the Inter-American Action Plan on Democratic Governance adopted by the Heads of State and Government on June 9, 2022, at the IX Summit of the Americas, to promote parliamentary engagement, through ParlAmericas, as an integral part of the Summits of the Americas Process;

Recognizing that ParlAmericas was created to promote parliamentary participation in the Inter-American System and contribute to inter-parliamentary dialogue on issues of hemispheric relevance, in accordance with Resolution 1673/99 of the General Assembly of the Organization of American States;

Reaffirming that, since its creation, ParlAmericas continues to convene the parliaments of the Americas and the Caribbean to promote cooperative political dialogue, facilitate parliamentary diplomacy, and foster the exchange of good legislative practices on key themes such as gender equality, legislative openness, and the fight against climate change;

Underscoring that collaboration and coordination among the branches of government are fundamental principles of our democracies and are indispensable for achieving the goals and functions of the State;

Recognizing that multilateralism, regional integration, globalization, and the promotion of human rights and democracy in international relations demand an increasingly active participation of parliaments, as representatives of the will of the people, in international affairs, to share their perspective with the Executive Branch to inform negotiation processes, to provide oversight of the implementation of signed commitments and agreements, and to ensure the observance of international norms and respect for the rule of law, among other issues;

By virtue of the commitment to promote parliamentary engagement as an integral part of the Summits process through ParlAmericas, the inter-parliamentary organisation of the Hemisphere, enshrined in point 24.f of the Inter-American Action Plan on Democratic Governance adopted by the Heads of State and Government on June 9, 2022 in the IX Summit of the Americas;

ParlAmericas commits to:

- 1. Facilitate and encourage the substantive participation of parliamentarians of the Americas and the Caribbean in the Summits of the Americas Process, which includes holding the official meeting of parliaments at the Summit in collaboration with the national parliament of the host country.
- 2. Foster collaboration between ParlAmericas, the inter-parliamentary organization mandated to be the hemispheric vehicle for parliamentary engagement in the inter-American System, and the Summits of the Americas Secretariat, the Summit Implementation Review Group, the Joint



Summit Working Group, the Civil Society Forum, the Young Americas Forum, and the CEO Summit of the Americas.

- 3. Promote hemispheric inter-parliamentary dialogue on the issues addressed during the Summits of the Americas and reiterate the priorities and political commitments emerging from the Summits into the declarations adopted by parliamentarians of the Americas and the Caribbean in meetings organized by ParlAmericas.
- 4. Advocate for legislative actions in line with the political commitments subscribed to by the Heads of State and of Government of the Americas and the Caribbean within the framework of the Summits of the Americas.
- 5. Present a report of the contributions undertaken through ParlAmericas to implement the commitments adopted in the framework of each Summit of the Americas.

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