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## **STATEMENT**

ParlAmericas stands in solidarity with the Caribbean countries preparing for category 5 storm Hurricane Irma. ParlAmericas expresses its sincere concern for those who may be affected by the severe impacts that are anticipated, and wishes to recognize the efforts of governments and communities organizing to minimize risk to their populations.

With recovery ongoing in the United States following the devastating losses from Hurricane Harvey, ParlAmericas calls for cooperation to support relief efforts across the region.

Furthermore, in recognition of the increased frequency of extreme weather events in the region, ParlAmericas reaffirms its commitment to inter-parliamentary action for adaptation and mitigation.

The President of ParlAmericas, Senator Marcela Guerra of Mexico, stated “More than ever, governments require integral disaster risk preparedness, and legislators in our hemisphere stand prepared to build legal frameworks that protect our populations – and especially the most vulnerable sectors – from the effects of climate change.”