



## **Paraguayan women parliamentarians participated in a dialogue with the Executive Secretary of the Inter-American Commission of Women of the Organization of American States co-organized by ParlAmericas and the Chamber of Senators of Paraguay**

Asunción (PARAGUAY), June 25, 2024 - In the framework of the 54th Regular Session of the Organization of American States (OAS) General Assembly, in Asunción, Paraguay, and in commemoration of the 30th anniversary of the Inter-American Convention on the Prevention, Punishment and Eradication of Violence against Women, ParlAmericas and the Chamber of Senators of Paraguay organized a dialogue session, entitled *Towards Parity: Strengthening Women's Political Participation in Paraguay*.

Senator **Blanca Ovelar**, President of ParlAmericas, delivered the opening remarks of the session. Next, the Executive Secretary of the Inter-American Commission of Women (CIM) of the OAS, **Alejandra Mora Mora**, presented the standards for addressing political violence against women established in the Inter-American Model Law to Prevent, Punish and Eradicate Violence against Women in Political Life and shared complementary tools and good practices to build the path towards parity democracy.

This was followed by a dialogue on the importance of the promotion and protection of women's political rights, moderated by Senator Esperanza Martínez and Senator Celeste Amarilla, with the participation of Congresswoman Johanna Ortega, Congresswoman Rocío Abed, Congresswoman Constanza Benítez, Congresswoman Del Pilar Vázquez Cabrera and Congresswoman Rocío Vallejo.

Afterwards, there was a dialogue on the importance of the promotion and protection of women's political rights, moderated by Senator **Esperanza Martínez** and Senator **Celeste Amarilla**, with the participation of Member of the Chamber of Deputies **Johanna Ortega**, Member of the Chamber of Deputies **Rocío Abed**, Member of the Chamber of Deputies **Constanza Benítez**, Member of the Chamber of Deputies **Del Pilar Vázquez Cabrera** and Member of the Chamber of Deputies **Rocío Vallejo**.

Through this exchange, the women parliamentarians contributed to the process of drafting the next CIM Inter-American model law on parity, sharing their experiences and perspectives.

Senator **Blanca Ovelar** led the participation of the ParlAmericas delegation, in her capacity as President of the organization, in the 54th Regular Session of the OAS General Assembly.

### **Senator Blanca Ovelar (Paraguay), President of ParlAmericas**

*"It is essential to encourage the participation of more and more women in the pursuit of political life and collective power. History calls us to open the path towards a fairer world, where wealth is distributed more equitably, where there is less suffering and where the ideal of the republic can be real. To achieve this, we need a new model of governance that requires the talent and commitment of women in the management of public affairs."*

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