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### **The Honourable Senator Rosa Galvez (Canada) participated in the webinar on “Parliaments and the Paris Agreement”**

On September 24, the Honourable Senator Rosa Galvez (Canada), President of the ParlAmericas Climate Change Network participated in the webinar titled “Parliaments and the Paris Agreement”. This webinar was organized to launch the publication, “[Parliaments and the Paris Agreement](#)”, a joint effort by the Westminster Foundation for Democracy, ParlAmericas, GLOBE International, and INTER PARES International IDEA.

With regard to the publication, Senator Galvez provided the following insight: "This publication speaks to the important role that parliaments have in these spaces, as well as in the development of the countries' negotiating position and NDC. Through our representative role we can help ensure that these plans and positions consider human rights obligations, especially the potential impact on Indigenous peoples, afro-descendants, migrants, children, people with disabilities, and people in vulnerable situations, that they conduct a gender-based analysis and apply an intersectionality lens".

The webinar also featured a panel discussion which served as a space for reflection upon the role parliaments have played in advancing international climate commitments and identifying opportunities for strengthening parliamentary engagement in the development and implementation of future commitments. Mr. Rafael Jiménez-Aybar, Senior Environmental Adviser, Westminster Foundation for Democracy & GLOBE, provided welcoming remarks as well as moderated the presentations delivered by the speakers, where they highlighted ongoing initiatives by parliaments to respond to the challenge of the Paris Agreement, with efforts rooted in the principles of multilateral cooperation, common but differentiated responsibilities, and multi stakeholder engagement. The speakers included Mr. Kevin Casas-Zamora, Secretary General, INTER PARES / International IDEA; the Honourable Senator Rosa Galvez (Canada); Mr. Franklin De Vrieze, Senior Governance Adviser, WFD; and Ms. Malini Mehra, Chief Executive, GLOBE International.

In anticipation of this year's COP26, the webinar was an engaging opportunity to understand how parliaments have organized their work to contribute to global commitments on climate action and collect good practices. For more information on the work carried out by ParlAmericas, visit [www.parlAmericas.org](http://www.parlAmericas.org) and follow @ParlAmericas on social media.

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