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### **ParlAmericas participates in virtual meeting on political violence organized by IRI's Women's Democracy Network**

Today, Senator Antares Vázquez Alatorre (Mexico), member of the ParlAmericas Board of Directors, participated in the "Virtual Gathering on the Importance of Addressing Political Violence in the Region." Organized by the Argentina chapter of the Women's Democracy Network (WDN), part of the International Republican Institute (IRI), the session convened women parliamentarians and government officials from Argentina, Bolivia, Colombia, and Mexico, to discuss strategies to prevent, sanction, and eradicate political violence in the region.

Senator Vázquez offered the concluding remarks and highlighted the work that the ParlAmericas Parliamentary Network for Gender Equality (PNGE) carries out in the area of preventing political violence against women. Senator Vázquez reflected on the importance of incorporating an intersectional lens in the proposal of solutions and transforming the culture and traditional power relations that fuel political violence against women.

Senator Vázquez also raised examples of good practices implemented by parliamentary institutions, such as the Mexican Senate's Special Protocol to Prevent and Address Gender-based Sexual Harassment, which contributes to preventing political violence against women inside the parliament.

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