



## STATEMENT

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### **ParlAmericas calls for dialogue in El Salvador**

Following the event that occurred in the Legislative Assembly of El Salvador on Sunday, February 9, ParlAmericas expresses its concern and calls for dialogue between all of the actors and institutions of the democratic system to overcome the political crisis, valuing their autonomy and acting in the best interests of the public.

The autonomy of the parliament is essential in democracies to ensuring a balance of State powers. Member of the National Assembly Elizabeth Cabezas (Ecuador), President of ParlAmericas, highlighted that, "In recognition of the universal principle of sovereignty and the right to self-determination, we advocate for finding a speedy resolution that reduces the political and social tension being experienced in the country."

ParlAmericas, as the institution that promotes parliamentary diplomacy in the inter-American system, reaffirms its strong commitment to democracy and its will to support the strengthening of parliamentary institutions throughout the region.