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Statement regarding the current situation in Venezuela

ParlAmericas has continuously called to safeguard democracy and the will of the sovereign people of Venezuela in the pursuit of a peaceful solution to the current situation.

As an institution that convenes the national legislatures of the 35 independent states of the Americas, ParlAmericas notes with concern today's declared intent by the Constituent Assembly to assume core competencies of the National Assembly of Venezuela.

Senator Marcela Guerra, President of ParlAmericas, cautioned that "moves to circumvent the National Assembly [of Venezuela] and threats to remove the immunities of its members only stand to diminish conditions for dialogue" adding that "the separation of powers is essential to representative democracy and the rule of law. The democratically elected National Assembly is the legislative body in Venezuela. Its powers must be respected. "



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