

**VIII PLENARY ASSEMBLY OF THE INTER-PARLIAMENTARY FORUM OF THE AMERICAS
8-10 SEPTEMBER 2011, ASUNCION, PARAGUAY**

WORKING GROUP: TRANSNATIONAL ASPECTS OF CITIZEN SECURITY

AGENDA AND SCHEDULE

1. PURPOSE

- To examine existing regional initiatives and best practices
- To determine the importance of regional cooperation in the development of long-term policies to discuss the transnational aspects of security
- To examine the concept of victims of transnational crime
- To examine rural and urban perspectives
- To achieve the goal of including the gender perspective in the group's work

2. CENTRAL TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

Today it is necessary to acknowledge that no country, not even the most powerful, may alone face the numerous and emerging regional threats: Terrorism, conflicts between States, the arms race, transnational crime, arm trafficking, natural disasters, attacks on the public health system and poverty.

At this session, parliamentarians will analyze the pressing threats upon security, as well as the social, political and economic repercussions of these threats. Participants will gain a multidimensional approach to hemispheric security and the tools that may be of use within the framework of international cooperation in order to combat the threats affecting development and security in the region. Experts responsible for guiding these discussions will be Eric L. Olson, Senior Specialist with the Mexico Institute of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, and Alejandra Mohor, Coordinator of the Crime Prevention Department, Center for Citizen Security Studies, National Public Affairs Institute, University of Chile. [Bibliographical notes in the paper summaries].

3. WORK PROGRAMME

Friday September 8, 2011: First Session	
16h00 - 16h15	<p>Welcome message from the President and presentation of the preliminary agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Senator Rogelio Rueda (Mexico), Host invited by the FIPA Executive Committee</i> <p>Introduction of participants</p>
16h15 - 16h45	<p>Paper</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Eric L. Olson, Main Expert with the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars
16h45 - 17h15	<p>Paper</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Alejandra Mohor, Coordinator of the Crime Prevention Department, Center for Citizen Security Studies, National Public Affairs Institute, University of Chile
17h15 - 17h45	Q&A
17h45 - 19h00	Start of Discussions
Friday September 9, 2011: Second Session	
14h30 - 15h00	Resumption of discussions
15h00 - 16h30	Formulation of recommendations
16h30 - 17h30	Approval of recommendations and conclusions