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**Preparing for the Annual Gathering of ParlAmericas and the Latin American and Caribbean Parliament on Climate Change**

Parliamentarians committed to stopping climate change from more than 16 countries in the Americas and the Caribbean, will come together on August 3-5 in Panama City, Panama to participate in the first Annual Gathering on Climate Change: *"Parliamentary Action to Stop Climate Change"*, co-organized by ParlAmericas and the Latin American and Caribbean Parliament (Parlatino).

The inauguration of the gathering will be open to the public and will take place on Thursday, August 4 at 9am in the Plenary Room of Parlatino. This session will include remarks from Mr. Elías Castillo, MP (Panama), Secretary General of Parlatino, Mr. Javier Ortega, MP (Panama), Member of the Board of Directors of ParlAmericas, representing the National Assembly of Panama, and Senator Marcela Guerra (Mexico), President of ParlAmericas. The Hon. Mirei Endara, Minister of Environment of Panama will close this session with a keynote address.

Over 60 legislators will discuss best legislative practices to mitigate and adapt to climate change, as well as citizen participation in the elaboration of strategies and educational resources on the environment, emphasizing cooperation between actors from all sectors of society as a fundamental aspect of overcoming climate change challenges.

During the gathering, ParlAmericas and Parlatino will launch a campaign to support the fight against climate change, with motivational remarks from the Deputy Minister of Sports, School and University of Dominican Republic, the Hon. Marcos Díaz.

The meeting will end on August 5<sup>th</sup> with reflections around scientific innovation and political reform to curb climate change, where participants will explore regional initiatives and the policies that enable them, to reach the objective of limiting the increase in global temperature to 1.5 degrees Celsius as adopted at COP21.

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