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ParlAmericas and UN Women present their joint gender equality work plan marking the first anniversary of the signing of their joint Memorandum of Understanding

Senator Marcela Guerra, President of ParlAmericas, and Ms. Luiza Carvalho, Regional Director of UN Women for the Americas and the Caribbean, will present the organizations' joint work plan for 2016-2017 this evening at 7:30pm at the welcome reception for the participants of the 1st Annual Gathering on Climate Change, *Parliamentary Action to Stop Climate Change*, co-organized by ParlAmericas and the Latin American and Caribbean Parliament. This reception will take place at the Country Inn Amador Hotel, in Panama City.

ParlAmericas and the Regional Office of UN Women for the Americas and the Caribbean established a framework for cooperation and collaboration to promote gender equality, political leadership of women, and parity of representation in the democratic process through a Memorandum of Understanding signed in Panama during the 12th Plenary Assembly of ParlAmericas that took place in September 2015.

Since signing this memorandum, ParlAmericas and UN Women have worked together in various projects and initiatives, strengthening the exchange of legislative best practices between more than 150 parliamentarians in the hemisphere through conferences, workshops and round table discussions, establishing commitments to consolidate gender perspectives in decision-making processes and eradicate political violence against women. They also joined hands to promote campaigns such as "HeforShe" with the objective of involving legislators in this global movement for gender equality.

Finding themselves in Panama once again, where this framework for cooperation between both institutions was established, Senator Guerra and Ms. Carvalho look forward to presenting their joint work plan for 2016-2017, to renew the commitment to gender equality that both organizations uphold in the Americas and the Caribbean. This action plan includes the joint development of publications and interactive tools, and the organization of forums and inter-parliamentary dialogues that continue to empower women, eradicate discrimination and political violence, and strengthen gender sensitivity in the parliaments and other public institutions of the hemisphere.

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