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ParlAmericas participates in a virtual dialogue between the presiding officers of parliaments of Latin America organized by the National Assembly of Ecuador, the presidency of the GRULAC of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, and the OAS

On Monday, June 8, Member of the National Assembly Elizabeth Cabezas (Ecuador), President of ParlAmericas, participated in a virtual dialogue among the presiding officers of parliaments of Latin America entitled *Legislation, Representation and Political Oversight in the New Normal*, organized by the National Assembly of Ecuador, the presidency of the Latin American and Caribbean Group (GRULAC) of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, and the General Secretariat of the Organization of American States (OAS).

The aim of this forum was to address three central pillars threatened by the current COVID-19 crisis: democracy, development and political communication. With this premise in mind, participants sought to share the progress being made by parliaments of the region in response to the challenges and demands posed by this pandemic, while emphasizing their role in legislation, representation, and political oversight. This meeting also included discussion on the role of parliaments in post-COVID-19 cooperation and development and on political communication during the crisis period.

In her presentation, Member of the National Assembly Cabezas pointed out, "National parliaments have a key role in economic recovery, not just by legislating in favour of our people, but also by ensuring that measures adopted are thorough and transparent, thereby opposing any form of corruption." She also provided an overview of the recent meeting held by the presiding officers of parliaments of the Americas and the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), organized by ParlAmericas, which highlighted the importance of fostering cooperation between countries in working towards greater productive, commercial, and technological integration throughout the region, as well as ensuring a more inclusive and sustainable economic recovery.

This dialogue also included presentations by officers of parliament of the participating Latin American countries, allowing for an exchange of best practices and perspectives on the current situation in the region.

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