



## **ParlAmericas' Statement on the border controversy between Guyana and Venezuela**

Ottawa (Canada), December 7, 2023 — ParlAmericas, closely following the most recent developments in the border controversy between the Cooperative Republic of Guyana and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, and in view of the consultative referendum held on December 3 in Venezuela on the Essequibo,

Calls upon the parties to settle their differences through the appropriate courts and tribunals of the International Justice system;

Recalls that international instruments such as the Charter of the United Nations and the Charter of the Organization of American States enshrine the sovereignty and independence of States, establish the faithful fulfillment of obligations arising from treaties and other sources of international law, and affirm that the territory of a State is inviolable, and may not be subject to military occupation or other measures of force taken by another State, directly or indirectly, for any reason whatsoever, even temporarily;

And urges that, honouring the tradition of peaceful resolution of differences in the Americas and the Caribbean, any international controversies arising between states be resolved through peaceful channels.

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