



STATEMENT

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Statement on Venezuela

ParlAmericas expresses its deep concern over the recent events in Venezuela related to the election of the executive body of the National Assembly.

Parliaments are fundamental institutions for democracy that guarantee the balance of State powers. Respecting the universal principle of popular sovereignty and the right to self-determination, ParlAmericas raises a respectful call for dialogue that incorporates the political pluralism of the country.

Member of the National Assembly Elizabeth Cabezas (Ecuador), President of ParlAmericas, stated, "We advocate for the recovery of dialogue between Venezuela's political forces in a framework of full respect for freedoms and institutional mechanisms in search of a democratic and peaceful solution to the current situation in Venezuela." She added that, "The rights to freedom of expression and assembly must be guaranteed." ParlAmericas reaffirms its strong commitment to democracy and its will to support the strengthening of parliamentary institutions throughout the region.