

**VIII PLENARY ASSEMBLY OF THE INTER-PARLIAMENTARY FORUM OF THE AMERICAS  
8-10 SEPTEMBER 2011, ASUNCION, PARAGUAY**

**WORKING GROUP: MULTI-DIMENSIONAL APPROACHES TO CITIZEN SECURITY**

**AGENDA AND SCHEDULE**

**1. PURPOSE**

- To explore the opportunities for cooperation with all stakeholders, including civil society, the private sector and the media.
- To establish the stages of prevention, relief and assistance upon occurrence of natural disasters
- To promote states' duty to develop public policies
- To examine the impact generated by resource extraction
- To discuss the impact generated by climate change
- To determine the impact of public policies
- To achieve the goal of including the gender perspective in the group's work

**2. CENTRAL TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION**

The increased vulnerability of certain countries, areas or regions is dependent on their geographical location, climate type, geology or the ability to face extreme weather conditions. The complex interaction among social, political, economic and environmental factors occurring at various levels increase the degree of vulnerability, which in turn impacts the capacity to prepare, respond to and recover from emergencies and disasters suffered by individuals, communities and, generally, by the authorities in the country where the disaster takes place.

At this session, parliamentarians will analyze the various impacts caused by disasters, both man-made and natural, the emergencies that have recently affected the Hemisphere, and the roles of regional and international institutions and their interactions with governments within an international legal framework. Experts responsible for leading these discussions will be Marco Antonio Rodriguez Corrales, independent consultant specialized in prevention of, relief and assistance to natural disasters, and Gustavo Béliz, Citizen Security Coordinator for the Southern Cone, IDB. [Bibliographical notes in the paper summaries].

### 3. WORK PROGRAMME

<b>Thursday September 8, 2011: First Session</b>	
16h00 -16h15	<p>Welcome message from the President and presentation of the preliminary agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Senator Edmonde Beauzile (Haiti), Caribbean Representative at the FIPA Executive Committee</i></li> </ul> <p>Introduction of participants</p>
16h15 - 16h45	<p>Paper</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Marco Antonio Rodríguez Corrales, Independent Consultant specialized in the prevention of and relief and assistance to natural disasters.</li> </ul>
16h45 - 17h15	<p>Paper</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Gustavo Béliz, Citizen Security Coordinator for the Southern Cone, IDB.</li> </ul>
17h15 - 17h45	Q&A
17h45 - 19h00	Start of Discussions
<b>Friday September 9, 2011: Second Session</b>	
14h30 - 15h00	Resumption of discussions
15h00 - 16h30	Formulation of recommendations
16h30 - 17h30	Approval of recommendations and conclusions