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Member of Parliament participates in extraordinary meeting of FOPREL in San Juan, Puerto Rico

Honourable Ramon Cervantes, Minister of State in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade, and Immigration is attending the **27th Extraordinary Meeting of the Forum of Speakers and Presidents of the Parliaments of Central America, the Caribbean Basin and Mexico (FOPREL)** in **San Juan, Puerto Rico**, on 24th and 25th July 2022.

The official opening of the 27th Extraordinary Meeting of FOPREL, which is being held on the occasion of commemorating the 70th anniversary of the constitution of Puerto Rico and the opening of the first sub-headquarters of FOPREL, started on Sunday, 24th July. Speakers, Presidents, and Members of Parliament discussed the role of parliaments in the implementation of the "Collaborative Migration Management Strategy"; the perspective of collaboration of the parliaments of Central America, the Caribbean basin and Mexico in the areas of economic and social development; and the impact of climate factors, inequalities, political and technical, on food insecurity in the member countries of FOPREL.

The meeting concludes with the signing of an Agreement on the sub-headquarters of FOPREL between the House of Representatives of Puerto Rico and FOPREL; and the Resolution on the accounting of the impacts of the crisis of the Food Systems arising from various conflicts.

Belize Parliament is a member of FOPREL, which is a regional organization that is led by the heads of the legislative powers and congresses of member parliaments in Central America, the Caribbean basin and Mexico. Its mission is to be a space for political dialogue, a forum to promote interparliamentary diplomacy and exchanges for the sharing of information and best practices and a link between the legislative, executive, judicial, civil society, and multilateral bodies.

The meeting and travel expenses were made possible through the support of the parliament of Puerto Rico and FOPREL. Honourable Cervantes is scheduled to return to Belize on 26th July 2022.

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