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PRESS RELEASE

Vice-President of the Senate attends transfer of the Pro Tempore Presidency of FOPREL Meeting in El Salvador

—**Friday, 10th March 2023**— Senator, the Honourable Collet Montejo, Vice-President of the Senate, in representation of the Honourable Valerie Woods, Speaker of the House of Representatives attended today the XLI Regular Meeting Forum of Presidents of Legislative Powers of Central America, the Caribbean Basin and Mexico (FOPREL) that was held in San Salvador, El Salvador.

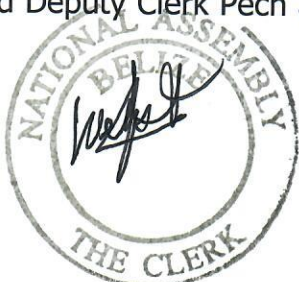
The meeting started with an opening session where Honourable Ernesto Castro, President of the Legislative Assembly of El Salvador and President pro tempore of FOPREL 2022-2023 reported on the management of the pro tempore presidency of FOPREL during the period 2022-2023.

Through a resolution of transfer of the pro tempore presidency and vice presidency of FOPREL, Hon. Ernesto Castro, President of the Legislative Assembly of El Salvador, transferred the pro tempore presidency to Honorable Alfredo Pacheco Osoria, President of the Chamber of Deputies of the Dominican Republic, and appointed the Honorable Deputy Rodrigo Arias Sánchez, President of the Legislative Assembly of the Republic of Costa Rica, as Vice President of the Forum for the period from March 11, 2023 to March 10, 2024.

During the meeting, four Resolutions were ratified and signed off by all the Legislative Presidents in attendance.

Yesterday, Honourable Montejo, along with the other Legislative Presidents, also had the opportunity to meet with His Excellency Nayib Armando Bukele, President of the Republic of El Salvador, at the Presidential House. The Advisory Council of FOPREL also met yesterday, 9th March 2023.

Hon. Montejo is accompanied by Mrs. Clarita Pech, Deputy Clerk of the National Assembly, as Belize's technical advisor to FOPREL. The meeting and travel expenses were made possible through the support of the parliament of El Salvador and FOPREL. Honourable Montejo and Deputy Clerk Pech are scheduled to return to Belize tomorrow, 11th March 2023.



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