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### PRESS RELEASE

#### **Speaker of the House of Representatives attends XXVIII Extraordinary Meeting of FOPREL in the Dominican Republic**

**—Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> June 2023—** The Honourable Valerie Woods, Speaker of the House of Representatives, attended today the XXVIII Extraordinary Meeting of the Forum of Presidents of Legislative Powers of Central America, the Caribbean Basin and Mexico (FOPREL), held in Santo Domingo, the Dominican Republic.

The meeting convened various Legislative Presidents, all members of FOPREL, with an objective to discuss and analyze the current state of climate change and its impacts on our societies and economies, as well as to identify parliamentary best practices that are being implemented in FOPREL member parliaments to address climate change.

During the meeting, members discussed various climate change issues including the effects of climate change on human mobility: measures and strategies to respond to challenges; how to finance sustainable development, effects of climate change and recovery from the effects of COVID-19 in Latin America and the Caribbean; and the efforts of transforming agri-food systems to tackle the climate crisis in the region.

At the end of the meeting four Resolutions were ratified and signed off by all the Legislative Presidents in attendance, including a Resolution to create an Interparliamentary Agenda for climate action in Central America, the Caribbean Basin and Mexico, aligned with the Paris Agreement and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development of the United Nations.

Speaker Woods is accompanied by Mrs. Clarita Pech, Deputy Clerk of the National Assembly, as Belize's technical advisor to FOPREL. All travel and accommodation expenses for the meeting were made possible through the support of FOPREL and the parliament of the Dominican Republic.

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