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### PRESS RELEASE

#### **Honourable Elvia Vega-Samos attended the XXIX Extraordinary Meeting of FOPREL in Roatán, Republic of Honduras**

—**Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> August 2023**— The Honourable Elvia Vega-Samos, Minister of State in the Ministry of Human Development, Families and Indigenous Peoples' Affairs, attended the XXIX Extraordinary Meeting of FOPREL, which was held on the 25<sup>th</sup> August 2023, in Roatán, Republic of Honduras.

The primary objective of the meeting was to contribute to regional efforts related to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda, through capacity building and interparliamentary political dialogue, to promote legislative harmonization processes in key areas and the adoption of measures from parliaments to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Parliamentarians were provided with the technical and legal elements to address and examine from the perspective of the SDGs and with a focus on Human Rights, the normative frameworks referred to: Education, Migration, Agri-food Systems and Climate Change; facilitated with a space for interparliamentary dialogue to analyze from the interparliamentary level the attention and response in key areas such as: Education, Migration, Agri-food Systems and Climate Change; and also discussed and approved initiatives that contribute to the strengthening of regulatory frameworks on Climate Change, Agri-food Systems and Education, as well as identify follow-up actions to such initiatives at the regional level.

There were three Resolutions that were ratified and signed by the parliamentarians during the meeting which were:

- **Resolution referring to the Integral Management of FOPREL;**
- **Resolution on legislative harmonization on the right to education and sustainable agri-food systems; and**
- **Resolution on Parliaments on a specific date in the year 2023, they hold a demonstration in favour of the recognition of Spanish (Castilian) as the official language of the International Court of Justice.**

The Honourable Vega-Samos is being accompanied by Mrs. Clarita Pech, Deputy Clerk to the National Assembly, and Member of the Advisory Council of FOPREL. All travel and accommodation expenses for the meeting were made possible through the support of FOPREL and the National Congress of the Republic of Honduras.

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