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### PRESS RELEASE

**Members of Parliament attend the joint meeting of the Commission for Social Cohesion and the Fight against Poverty and of the Commission for the Environment and Climate Change of FOPREL**  
**San Jose, Costa Rica**

—**Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> August 2023**— The Honourable Marconi Leal, Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives and Member for Belize Rural North, and the Honourable Jorge Espat, Member for Cayo West, attended the XIV Interparliamentary meeting of the Commission for Social Cohesion and the Fight against Poverty and the XVI Interparliamentary meeting of the Commission for the Environment and Climate Change of FOPREL, which was held on the 18<sup>th</sup> August 2023, in San Jose, Costa Rica.

The meeting convened Members of Parliament of the member countries of FOPREL along with Representatives of the International Organization for Migration (IOM) and of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO). The objective of the joint meeting was to promote inter-parliamentary dialogue at the highest level within the framework of the Legislative Branches that are members of FOPREL, regarding the importance of sharing best practice as it relates to the transformation processes linked to Climate and Environmental Migration to the agrifood systems.

At the meeting the parliamentarians identified opportunities and legislative actions to effectively address the challenges of Climate and Environmental Migration and agrifood systems, as well as presented and discussed the "Action Plan" on Climate and Environmental Migration which is to be implemented in coordination with IOM, for approval and endorsement.

A Resolution referring to the Management of Agri-food systems and Human Mobility for Climatic and Environmental Reasons, with a Human Rights Approach, was ratified and signed by the parliamentarians.

All travel and accommodation expenses for the meeting were made possible through the support of FOPREL and the parliament of Costa Rica.

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