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### PRESS RELEASE

#### **Belize Represented at the 7th Gathering of the ParlAmericas Parliamentary Network on Climate Change and the 15th Gathering of the ParlAmericas Parliamentary Network for Gender Equality in Mexico City**

**—Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2023—** Senator, the Honourable Isabel Bennett Moody, and Ms. Eudice Gibson, Senior Clerk Assistant, attended the 7th Gathering of the ParlAmericas Parliamentary Network on Climate Change and the 15th Gathering of the ParlAmericas Parliamentary Network for Gender Equality, celebrated jointly on the 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> September in Mexico City, Mexico. The theme of the gathering was: "A food secure future: Building people and planet-centered strategies."

The two-day meeting, which was organized by ParlAmericas and the Senate of Mexico, convened more than 50 parliamentarians and parliamentary staff from 18 countries of the Americas and the Caribbean, with an objective to examine legislative actions that can be undertaken to ensure the right to food through multisectoral and innovative good practices that promote sustainability, inclusiveness and resiliency. Sessions focused on exploring women's leadership in initiatives that promote food security in the hemisphere, and its relationship to climate change, using a gender and intersectional perspective.

On the first day, parliamentarians and parliamentary staff attended a session to discuss Women's leadership and the current state of food security and sovereignty in the Americas and the Caribbean and explore inclusive and innovative approaches to addressing hunger. There was also a parliamentary exchange on sustainable and gender-sensitive national efforts to end food insecurity and poverty. The day ended with a working session on inclusive and innovative approaches to addressing hunger.

During the second day, presentations were made on the impacts of climate change on food security in the hemisphere, technical considerations on climate change and food security work in Mexico. During this session, Senator Bennett Moody participated as a panelist where she had the opportunity to present on the main threats climate change poses to food and nutrition security in Belize and also highlight parliamentary action to promote climate-resilient and inclusive transformation of food systems. A conversational panel was also held to discuss gender equality, women's leadership, and food security. The meeting ended with the reading of the joint declaration of the 7<sup>th</sup> Gathering of the ParlAmericas Parliamentary Network on Climate Change and the 15<sup>th</sup> Gathering of the Parliamentary Network for Gender Equality.

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