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### PRESS RELEASE

Monday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025 - **Honourable Lee Mark Chang** and **Senator Hector Guerra** attended and participated in the **First Gathering of the ParlAmericas Parliamentary Network on Security**, held from November 27<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025, in Panama City, Panama. The event brought together parliamentarians from across the Americas and the Caribbean to address shared security challenges under the theme **“Human Security and Regional Stability: Parliamentary Responses to Challenges in the Americas and the Caribbean.”** It also marked the official launch of the **ParlAmericas Parliamentary Network on Security**, establishing a new forum for inter-parliamentary collaboration aimed at promoting comprehensive, human-centred security solutions across the hemisphere.

Senator Guerra contributed as a co-moderator in the working group on **Strengthening the Social Fabric and Opportunities for Youth**, highlighting the importance of inclusive policies and regional cooperation to reduce violence and expand opportunities for young people. Honourable Chang took part in the plenary discussions, offering Belize’s perspective on democratic governance, citizen security, and the need for coordinated legislative responses to threats that transcend borders.

Throughout the two-day gathering, participants examined pressing issues including transnational organized crime, citizen insecurity, food security, climate-related threats, and socio-economic vulnerabilities.

Honourable Chang and Senator Guerra expressed appreciation for the opportunity to engage with regional partners and reaffirmed Belize’s commitment to advancing cooperative approaches that strengthen peace, stability, and development.

The Member’s participation and travel expenses to the event were fully funded by ParlAmericas.

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