

Declaration of Buenos Aires

To be discussed by the Presidents and Speakers of the Latin American and Caribbean Parliaments, and other parliamentarians

(Buenos Aires, 1st November 2018)

We, the parliamentarians of 33 Latin American and Caribbean countries, gathered on 1st November 2018 in Buenos Aires, Argentina, concerned about the spread of organized crime in our region and its devastating consequences, have decided to respond to the political and legislative challenges presented in the fight against it and hereby declare the following:

- 1- Organized crime concerning drug trafficking has become a vital issue in our region: the main source of violence and conflict, as well as the major obstacle for social and economic growth.
- 2- In recent years, the situation has rapidly escalated and is severely affecting some countries of the region, becoming a threat to democracy and human rights.
- 3- Criminal organizations have broadened their structures and activities beyond national borders. The global and regional scale of these problems require more than national actions.
- 4- Due to the transnational nature of organized crime in the twenty-first century, we urgently need to develop instruments of international cooperation and institutions based on regional integration to complement each other in the support of national security forces and justice systems.
- 5- It is necessary and urgent that the signatory states of the UN Palermo Convention and its complementary protocols fulfill the commitment to combat transnational organized crime, which they made to their own citizens and the international community.

For all the reasons above mentioned, we decide:

- To declare our support for the creation of the Latin American and Caribbean Criminal Court Against Transnational Organized Crime (COPLA), which will complement the actions taken by the national justice systems. Its main objective will be to dismantle criminal groups that commit any of the crimes foreseen by the Palermo Convention and its protocols.

- To commit ourselves to carry out every possible action in the support of this cause, starting by inviting our governments to participate and adopting all necessary parliamentary resolutions in each of our countries.



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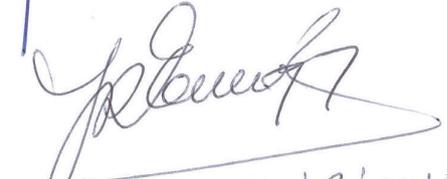
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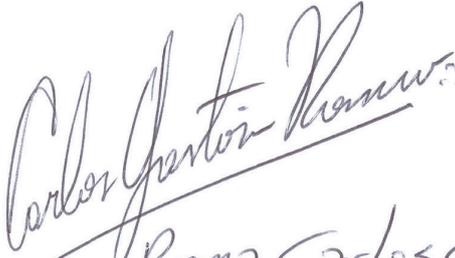

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