

## Valparaíso Declaration

Library of the Congress of the Argentine Nation  
Library of the National Congress of Chile  
General Directorate of Documentation, Information and Analysis Services of the Chamber of  
Deputies of Mexico

In Valparaíso, Chile, on March 15, 2017, in the framework of the half-year meeting of the Latin America and the Caribbean Section of the International Federation of Library Associations and Libraries (IFLA), held in the cities of Valparaíso and Santiago de Chile, on March 15 and 16, 2017, in the presence of Ms. Glória Pérez-Salmerón, President-Elect of IFLA; the Library of the National Congress of Chile, represented by its Director Mr. Manuel Alfonso Pérez Guíñez; the Library of Congress of the Argentine Nation, represented by its Director General Coordinator Mr. Alejandro Lorenzo Cesar Santa and the Chamber of Deputies of Mexico, represented by Mr. José María Hernández Vallejos, General Director of Documentation, Information and Analysis Services of The Chamber of Deputies of Mexico, agree on the need to strengthen the cooperation ties of the parliamentary libraries of Latin America and the Caribbean, with the express intention of the signatories of this document to maintain a growing exchange of experiences and knowledge in the field of parliamentary libraries.

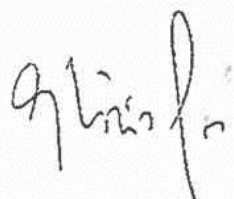
For this purpose and within the framework of the work carried out by IFLA, we propose and commit ourselves to make all efforts with the parliamentary libraries of the region, to contribute to the strengthening of the legislative and citizen representation work of our parliaments, with a view to promote the fulfillment of the Sustainable Development Goals set by the United Nations Organization for the year 2030, among which are the objective 16.10 that establishes "Guarantee public access to information and protect fundamental freedoms, in accordance with national legislation and international agreements".

Using as a fundamental tool cooperation to identify common objectives and move forward in search of improvement in the performance of the functions of our parliamentary libraries, and in accordance with the missions of each of them, the representatives of the institutions that subscribe to this agreement, manifest:

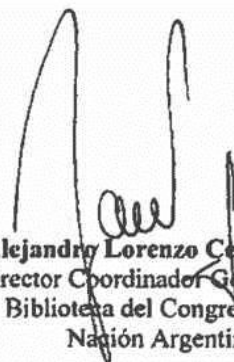
**FIRST:** We agree on the need and commitment in strengthening relations between parliamentary libraries in Latin America and the Caribbean.

**SECOND:** In accordance with the foregoing, we agreed to establish a Network of Parliamentary Libraries in Latin America and the Caribbean, with the aim of strengthening friendship ties, but above all, exchanging experiences, information, legislative studies and professional development for our officials, which allow Contribute better to strengthening democracy in our countries.

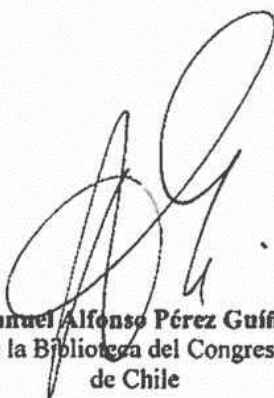
**THIRD:** We express the need to extend the scope of this agreement to all libraries and documentation centers in support of the legislative, physicalizing and representative work of the respective national congresses of the region, for which we undertake to carry out the actions that are necessary to summon as many institutions as possible to join the Parliamentary Library Network.



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