



Declaration of Panama

The Latin American and Caribbean Parliament, represented by its President, Senator Silvia del Rosario Giacoppo,

The Parliament of the Kingdom of Morocco, represented by the President of the Chamber of Councilors, Mr. Enaam Mayara,

The Executive Committee of the African Parliamentary Union, represented by its President Mohamed Ali Houmed,

The Parliamentary Assembly of the Economic Community of West African States, represented by its President, Mr. Dr. Sidie Mohamed TUNIS,

And the Association of Senates, Shura Councils and Similar Councils of Africa and the Arab World, represented by its President, Mr. Enaam Mayara:

Recalling the ties, values and common denominators that formed the basis of the historical relations between the countries and peoples of the African and Latin American regions.

In view of the multiple and growing challenges related to the global geopolitical changes facing the peoples of the two regions, especially in light of the unprecedented challenges imposed by the Coronavirus pandemic.

And based on the conclusions of bilateral or multilateral forums at the regional and regional level, sponsored or involving the parliaments of the African and Latin continents, in addition to the course of bilateral and regional relations, as well as mutual visits between the parliaments of Africa and Latin America in general, which culminated in the signing of the founding declaration of the Afrolac Parliamentary Forum.

Based on this, and in accordance with the strategic importance of South-South cooperation and the importance of comprehensive popular mobilization, and the urgent need to develop an effective parliamentary diplomacy, capable of exploring new spaces of multidimensional cooperation and deepening the strategic dimension to make parliamentary cooperation between the countries of the two regions a model of South-South cooperation,

We declare the following:

Our high recognition and deep appreciation to His Majesty King Mohammed VI, King of Morocco, for the kindness of naming the Moroccan space in the headquarters of the Latin American and Caribbean Parliament on behalf of his honorable honor, and the

support and recognition that this honor represents for the course of cooperation between the regions of Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean.

Our recognition and high appreciation to the effort made by the Latin American and Caribbean Parliament and the Council of Advisors of the Kingdom of Morocco, to make this summit a success and consolidate the Afro-American Latin American Parliamentary Forum, as an initiative that constitutes a solid bridge to unite the African and Latin continents, a space for dialogue and the consolidation of institutions of dialogue and programs of South-South cooperation and joint efforts that can alleviate the negative effects of non-integration at all levels.

On the same occasion, we announced the establishment of a secretariat of the Forum in the Latin American and Caribbean Parliament and the Council of Advisors in the Kingdom of Morocco, as these are the two institutions in charge of coordinating efforts to formulate a work agenda and a road map for the operation of the Forum.

We affirm that the purpose of establishing this forum is to create a space for interactive, constructive dialogue and a platform for the convergence of parliamentary action in order to facilitate regional integration and strengthen South-South cooperation, and a mechanism to advocate and raise the voice of the peoples of Latin America and Africa on issues of peace, health and social justice, sustainable development, climate justice and global democratic governance, rule of law and human rights.

In this regard, we announce that the Parliament of the Kingdom of Morocco will host the activities of the summit of the heads of regional and continental parliamentary unions of Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean, and we pledge to work together with regional parliamentarians, organizations and agencies of the two regions to make this event a success and make the forum a political reality capable of presenting insights, alternatives and solutions to the aspirations and expectations of the peoples of the South.

Given at the Parliament of Latin America and the Caribbean, Republic of Panama, on February 11, 2022.

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<p>Speaker of the Parliament of the Economic Community of West African States</p>	<p>President of the Latin American and Caribbean Parliament</p>	<p>President of the House of Councilors</p> <p>President of the Association of Senates, Shura Councils and Similar Councils of Africa and the Arab World</p>	<p>President of the Executive Committee of the African Parliamentary Union</p>