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## Parliamentarians from Latin America Call for Stronger Support from the Region's Legislators in the Fight Against Corruption

**Ottawa, Canada** – Legislators representing seven national chapters from the Global Organization of Parliamentarians Against Corruption's regional chapter in Latin America and the Caribbean (GOPAC América Latina y el Caribe) called for all legislators of the region to strengthen its institutions, strategic autonomy and legitimacy, in the Declaration at the close of their meeting of the Chairs of national chapter of GOPAC América Latina y Caribe.

The Declaration also encouraged legislators to participate actively in the global debate on grand corruption and international crime as well to combat money laundering and encourage transparency through declarations of beneficial ownership.

"If we do not strengthen our fight against corruption in Latin America and the Caribbean, impunity will prevail and public trust will be threatened," said Ricardo Garcia Cervantes, Chair of GOPAC and founding member of GOPAC Mexico. "Without trust there is no legitimacy and the fight against corruption will be lost."

In advance of the First General Meeting of GOPAC América Latina y el Caribe to be held in El Salvador in 2014, the participants elected an interim Executive Committee. Sigrido Reyes, from El Salvador, was elected as Chair and is joined by Vice-Chairs Paula Bertol, from Argentina, Carlos Mendes Thame, from Brazil, Alexandra Morena Peraquive, from Columbia, and Carlos Bruce, from Peru. Eloy Cantú Segovia, from Mexico, is the Treasurer, and Mária Eugenia Venegas Renauld, from Costa Rica, is the Secretary.

"I applaud the commitment to the fight against corruption demonstrated by our interim Executive Committee and look forward to working with them to build our capacity in the region and around the world," concluded Mr Garcia Cervantes.

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