

# **INTERNAL REGULATIONS**

**OF THE IBERO-AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN  
PARLIAMENTARY ALLIANCE FOR FOOD SECURITY**

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## **TITLE I GENERAL PROVISIONS**

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### **CHAPTER ONE: DEFINITION**

Art. 1. The Ibero-American and Caribbean Parliamentary Alliance for Food Security (hereinafter referred to as “the Alliance”) is a parliamentary action platform made up of the various chapters of the Parliamentary Front Against Hunger in Latin America and the Caribbean (PFH-LAC), the Spanish Parliamentary Alliance for the Right to Food, and the Portuguese Parliamentary Alliance for Food Security.

Art. 2. The main objective of the Alliance is to strengthen legislative and institutional processes within each of its member parliaments. To this end, it will promote the drafting and adoption of legislation aimed at building public policies with adequate budgets to facilitate the realization of the right to food, incorporating a gender approach and a climate perspective.

Art. 3. The respective local, national, and regional chapters of the PFH-LAC, the Spanish Parliamentary Alliance for the Right to Food, and the Portuguese Parliamentary Alliance for Food Security are the representatives of the Alliance within each of their member parliaments.

Art. 4. The purpose of these Regulations is to govern the organization and operation of the Alliance by establishing its organizational structure, operating rules, internal guidelines, and external relations directives to facilitate the achievement of its objectives.

### **CHAPTER TWO: NAME AND SYMBOLS**

Art. 5. The official and sole name, including its respective translations, shall be: Ibero-American and Caribbean Parliamentary Alliance for Food Security. All members of the Alliance shall use this name in all references, communications, documents, publications, or audiovisual materials.

Art. 6. The Alliance shall maintain a website and carry out actions to strengthen its presence on various social media platforms. The logo to be used shall be agreed upon by consensus among the representatives of the Alliance’s member chapters.

## **TÍTULO II**

### **PRINCIPIOS RECTORES**

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Art. 7. The Alliance shall be governed by the following principles:

- **Non-discrimination.** The criteria established in these Regulations shall apply to all parliamentarians equally, ensuring equal treatment without any form of discrimination.
- **Transparency.** All procedures, requirements, and any other matters of general interest shall be communicated to all parliamentarians involved in advance of decision-making.
- **Publicity.** All decisions made by the Alliance must be communicated to its members through the previously agreed channels.
- **Participation.** All parliamentarians who are members of the Alliance have the right to participate in its general decision-making processes. Mechanisms shall also be ensured to facilitate the highest possible level of participation in the various joint activities.
- **Plurality.** The Alliance is constituted as a plural network consistent with the diversity of its members, who reflect the different political, ideological, and cultural perspectives present in each country. This plurality is expressed through the inclusion of parliamentarians from different parties and currents, recognizing that the fight against hunger and malnutrition requires a collective effort that engages all sectors of society.
- **Gender Equality.** The development of the Alliance's activities and work shall always be guided by the principle of gender equity. To this end, parity in representation shall be promoted.
- **Interculturality.** Respect for the inclusion of the worldviews and practices of Indigenous and Afro-descendant peoples shall be considered in all relevant decisions of the Alliance.
- **Sustainability.** The Alliance shall promote sustainable development through parliamentary action, with special emphasis on a climate and environmental perspective in strengthening legal frameworks and institutional spaces.
- **Evidence-based work.** The Alliance shall promote collaboration with academia, preferably through the network of the Observatory of the Right to Food of Latin America (ODA-LAC) and Spain (ODA-ES), as well as other

organizations, to support its proposals for improving legislative frameworks in each of its member countries with solid evidence.

### **TITLE III**

### **PURPOSES OF THE ALLIANCE**

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Art. 8. To promote the development and strengthening of effective legal frameworks and public policies that guarantee the respect, protection, and realization of the right to adequate food in Ibero-America and the Caribbean, within the framework of the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Art. 9. To advance the development of regulations aimed at promoting more resilient, sustainable, and inclusive agri-food systems, placing SDG 2 Zero Hunger as a priority in the public policies of the countries. Within this framework, the Alliance will encourage, among other things:

- (i) Family farming, in its broadest sense (agriculture, livestock, forestry, fisheries, and aquaculture) as a source of healthy, nutritious, and appropriately processed food suitable for fresh consumption, with a positive impact on the population's eating habits;
- (ii) Respect for Indigenous and Afro-descendant communities, recognizing and valuing their ancestral food practices;
- (iii) Mitigation of climate change and increased resilience and adaptation to its effects, considering environmental degradation and climate action as central elements to be addressed in transforming current agri-food systems;
- (iv) The adoption of legislation aimed at reducing the gender gap and transforming the reality of rural women, who, despite their dedication to producing food for household self-consumption, continue to face structural barriers in accessing productive resources such as financing, equipment, or land;
- (v) The promotion of legal frameworks and public policies aimed at reducing the alarming levels of obesity and overweight in most countries, taking into account the specific particularities and contexts of each State.

Art. 10. To strengthen inter-parliamentary cooperation as a key axis for transforming agri-food systems, promoting the exchange of legislative experiences among the parliaments of Ibero-America and the Caribbean to advance the achievement of SDG 2 Zero Hunger. To this end, the following actions will be prioritized:

- Ensure a cross-cutting gender equality approach and climate perspective in all legislative initiatives;
- Take as a reference the work carried out by the various national chapters of the Parliamentary Front Against Hunger in Latin America and the Caribbean and the parliamentary alliances for the right to food in Spain and Portugal as a starting point for new actions;
- Develop legislation on food security and nutrition, with adequate budget allocations and effective oversight and monitoring mechanisms;
- Highlight the role of strategic alliances in achieving results, especially with the Executive Branch, academia, and civil society;
- Rely on the support of historical partners, such as Spanish Cooperation and the Mexican Agency for International Development Cooperation (AMEXCID), among others;
- Promote the exchange of legislative and regulatory experiences related to the realization of the right to food among countries in the region and other regions of the world, fostering links with global networks such as the Global Alliance Against Hunger and Poverty, and contributing to the formation of new complementary alliances in the fight against hunger and malnutrition.

## **TITLE IV MEMBERS**

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### **CHAPTER I: MEMBERSHIP**

Art. 11. The Alliance is a broad network of national, supranational, and subnational or departmental parliamentarians from Ibero-America and the Caribbean, representing different political parties and legislative committees. It is made up of parliamentarians who are members of the Parliamentary Front Against Hunger in Latin America and the Caribbean (FPH-LAC), the Spanish Parliamentary Alliance for the Right to Food, and the Portuguese Parliamentary Alliance for Food Security, who share the common goal of placing the fight against food insecurity and malnutrition at the highest level of public agendas in their countries.

### **CHAPTER II: MEMBER STATES**

Art. 12. The Alliance shall be composed of the bodies referred to in the previous article from any parliament in the region that expresses its intention to join and complies with these Regulations within the Ibero-American and Caribbean scope. Efforts shall be made to ensure the participation of all parliaments in the region in the Alliance.

### **CHAPTER III: SCOPE OF ACTION**

Art. 13. The Alliance shall be limited to the regional scope comprised of the countries of Ibero-America and the Caribbean.

Nevertheless, it may establish strategic partnerships with parliaments and similar parliamentary networks from other regions, as well as with institutions and organizations of different natures that, even if they are not part of the region, share the commitment to the promotion and defense of human rights, in particular the right to adequate food. These partnerships shall seek to coordinate efforts and facilitate the exchange of experiences and best practices.

## **TITLE V ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE**

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### **CHAPTER I: MANAGING COMMISSION**

Art. 14. The Managing Commission of the Alliance (MC) is the bi-regional collegiate body (on one side, Latin America and the Caribbean, and on the other, Spain and Portugal) responsible for coordinating the actions of the Alliance. Its objective is to articulate the work of parliamentarians and representatives of national and supranational parliaments, together with academia and interested civil society, in order to contribute to the institutionalization of the fight against hunger and malnutrition in the region. This work may be developed through the promotion of regulatory frameworks that guarantee the right to adequate food and/or through the promotion of public policies and financing mechanisms that strengthen actions in this area.

Art. 15. The Managing Commission will be composed of:

- The Regional Coordinator of the FPH-ALC.
- The Deputy Regional Coordinator of the FPH-ALC.
- The Coordinator of the Spanish Parliamentary Alliance for the Right to Food.
- The Coordinator of the Portuguese Parliamentary Alliance for Food Security.

Art. 16. The members of the Managing Commission shall serve a term of two years, counted from their official appointment at the corresponding Ibero-American and Caribbean Forum, which will also be held biennially.

In case any member ends their parliamentary mandate in their respective country, their participation in the Managing Commission will immediately cease. This

circumstance must be officially communicated to the other members of the Commission.

In the absence of any member, either for this reason or other duly justified reasons, their replacement may proceed. For representatives of the FPH-ALC, the substitute will be appointed by the Executive Coordinating Commission of that Front. For the parliamentary alliances of Spain and Portugal, the appointment will be made by the respective alliances.

The person appointed to the position will serve only the remaining period of the current Managing Commission's mandate.

Art. 17. The Managing Commission will perform the following functions:

- a. Officially represent the Alliance.
- b. Chair the meetings of the Managing Commission on a rotating basis among its members, and the Forums of the Ibero-American and Caribbean Alliance for Food Security.
- c. Strengthen inter-parliamentary cooperation for the transformation of agri-food systems, promoting the exchange of legislative experiences among Ibero-American parliaments, within the framework of fulfilling SDG 2 Zero Hunger.
- d. Ensure the cross-cutting incorporation of gender equality and climate perspective in the legislative initiatives and policies promoted by the Alliance.
- e. Base its actions on the work developed by the FPH-ALC and the parliamentary alliances of Spain and Portugal, prioritizing the development of legislation on food security and nutrition, with appropriate budget allocations and effective oversight mechanisms.
- f. Raise awareness and promote strategic alliances that contribute to achieving the objectives of the Alliance, especially those established with the Executive Branch, academia, and civil society.
- g. Perform its functions with the support of the Alliance's historical partners, such as Mexican Cooperation and Spanish Cooperation, among others.

Art. 18. The Managing Commission will hold sessions in the following modalities:

- a. Monthly and virtually;
- b. In-person, at least once a year, whenever circumstances allow.
- c. In case of absence, Managing Commission members may appoint a representative. This person will have the right to speak but not to vote.

Art. 19. The call for meetings will be the responsibility of the Technical Secretariat of the Alliance (TS), who must issue it at least one week in advance via email.

The Technical Secretariat may suggest agenda items for the session and will be responsible for taking minutes, which must be approved by the majority of the Managing Commission members. Subsequently, the minutes will be sent to all members of the Alliance.

## CHAPTER II: TECHNICAL SECRETARIAT

Art. 20. The Alliance will share the current Technical Secretariat of the FPH-ALC, formed by the Support Project for the Latin America and Caribbean Without Hunger Initiative, from the Regional Office of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) for Latin America and the Caribbean, with the support of the Mesoamerica Without Hunger Program, from the FAO Subregional Office for Mesoamerica. This Technical Secretariat will support the work of the Managing Commission of the Alliance.

Art. 21. The TS shall perform the following functions:

- a. Organize the meetings of the MC and the Ibero-American and Caribbean Forums, as well as other coordination spaces defined.
- b. Suggest agenda topics for the various activities and propose related activities.
- c. Promote articulation among the Alliance's parliamentary members.
- d. Collect and make available reports and working groups related to the themes addressed by the Alliance.
- e. Support systematization and knowledge management processes promoted by the Alliance.
- f. Collect and disseminate information related to regulations, public policies, field experiences on food security and the right to food, developed in the different Ibero-American and Caribbean countries.
- g. Provide technical support for the management and implementation of the Alliance's instruments described in article 22.
- h. Support partner retention actions, as well as the identification of new allies and other strategic institutions and organizations.
- i. Annually collect monitoring reports on the Ibero-American and Caribbean Parliamentary Pact drafted by each affiliated parliament, and share them with the parliamentary community of the Alliance.

## CHAPTER III: INSTRUMENTS

Art. 22. Biennial work plans, for defining the objectives and lines of action of the Alliance during that period, as well as for their proper monitoring.

Art. 23. An Ibero-American and Caribbean Parliamentary Pact for Food Security, as the main political instrument of the Alliance. This Pact will establish specific goals and indicators, aiming to elevate commitments and political will to the highest level, promoting concrete legislative actions aimed at achieving SDG 2 in the Ibero-American and Caribbean parliaments. The Pact will be considered an input and contribution to the Global Parliamentary Pact, approved at the II Global Parliamentary Summit Against Hunger and Malnutrition held in Chile in 2023.



Art. 24. Annual reports on the progress of the Alliance and the Pact, including actions that have guided legislative work and mechanisms and resolutions that have generated concrete actions and state policies on food security and nutrition.

Art. 25. A biennial Ibero-American and Caribbean Forum, to monitor the development of the Pact and the Alliance's Work Plan, among other actions. At this Forum, the action lines for the following biennium will be approved. Likewise, each member parliament of the Alliance will present progress in each country regarding the achievement of SDG 2.

Art. 26. The Alliance will have an online Knowledge Platform, intended to compile legislative work and contributions from the different parliaments in the framework of the fight against hunger and malnutrition.

## **TITLE VI COMMON PROVISIONS**

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### **CHAPTER I: ACCOUNTABILITY**

Art. 27. The Steering Committee shall be accountable for the main achievements, challenges, and progress made during the current period, especially regarding tasks related to the Ibero-American and Caribbean Parliamentary Pact and the commitments undertaken at the previous Ibero-American and Caribbean Forum. Accountability shall be carried out biennially within the framework of the Alliance Forum. At the end of this activity, the progress report on the Pact and the Alliance shall be ratified.

### **CHAPTER II: STRATEGIC PARTNERS AND OBSERVER PARLIAMENTS**

Art. 28. The Alliance may engage with strategic partners in its activities, subject to a formal accreditation request submitted to the Steering Committee. Such request must be formally accepted by the Committee, which shall establish the terms and conditions for the participation of these strategic partners in the agreed activities.

Art. 29. Priority shall be given to partnering with institutions that pursue common goals and interests aligned with the work of the Alliance, promoting association with bodies that foster Ibero-American integration, such as the Ibero-American General Secretariat (SEGIB).

Art. 30. Other allied parliaments, such as the European Parliament or the Pan-African Parliament, may be granted observer status within the Alliance, subject to accreditation by the Steering Committee.

### CHAPTER III: LANGUAGES

Art. 31. The official languages of the Alliance shall be Spanish, Portuguese, and English.

### TRANSITIONAL CHAPTER

Art. 32. These Rules of Procedure shall enter into force on the day following their approval.

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