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An Ibero-American and Caribbean parliamentary commitment to food security

A PROPOSAL FROM THE IBERO-AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN PARLIAMENTARY ALLIANCE FOR FOOD SECURITY

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We, parliamentarians from Ibero-America and the Caribbean, gathered in a spirit of cooperation and solidarity, commit ourselves to promoting this **Pact** in our national and regional parliaments. We do so convinced of the essential role that parliamentary action plays in eradicating the scourge of hunger and malnutrition that persists in our societies.

Aware of the urgent need to accelerate progress toward the realization of the human right to adequate food, we declare our political will to prioritize initiatives that guarantee food and nutrition security for all, leaving no one behind. This ethical and social imperative must be the cornerstone of comprehensive, sustainable public policies of the State, tailored to the realities of our territories.

In particular, we commit to the following:

- 1. Prioritizing food and nutrition security in the political agendas of our parliaments, strengthening the national and regional 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, within the framework of a regional understanding supported by the Ibero-American and Caribbean Parliamentary Alliance for Food Security, of which we are members.
- 2. Promoting a legislative agenda that guarantees the right to adequate food, prioritizing this issue within the leadership bodies of our parliaments, strengthening legal frameworks with allocated budgets that ensure their implementation, and considering environmental sustainability, gender equality, and the strengthening of democracy as fundamental principles.
- **3. Monitoring the implementation of laws and policies** on food and nutrition security, ensuring that the human and financial resources allocated to this field are used effectively to eradicate hunger and malnutrition.

- **4. Engaging executive powers and civil society** in these efforts, promoting the participation of academia, media, social organizations, and the private sector in the design and evaluation of laws and policies related to food, with a territorial approach.
- **5. Raising the visibility** of the Ibero-American and Caribbean Parliamentary Alliance for Food Security and the progress of this Pact in key international forums—such as the Ibero-American Summits and the World Parliamentary Summits against Hunger and Malnutrition—as well as in global, regional, and national public opinion, promoting cooperation at all levels in this area.
- 6. Fostering the articulation of the Pact with other regional and global instruments contributing to the transformation of agrifood systems, such as the Food Security, Nutrition and Hunger Eradication Plan of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC FSN Plan), the Critical Pathway for Achieving Inclusive and Sustainable Food Security in Ibero-America of the Ibero-American General Secretariat (SEGIB), the Global Alliance Against Hunger and Poverty, approved within the G20 framework, the Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Movement of the United Nations and the Global Parliamentary Pact Against Hunger and Malnutrition, adopted at the Second World Parliamentary Summit Against Hunger and Malnutrition, among others.
- 7. Establishing annual legislative work agreements from the leadership of each parliament, in collaboration with their respective chapters of the Parliamentary Front Against Hunger, the Spanish Parliamentary Alliance for the Right to Food, and the Portuguese Parliamentary Alliance for Food Security, to implement this Pact according to the specific needs and realities of each parliament. To this end, we commit to preparing an annual report on the implementation of the Pact in each parliament, with support from the Technical Secretariat of the Ibero-American and Caribbean Parliamentary Alliance, to be presented to the Ibero-American and Caribbean community and to other regional and global food security governance forums.

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With the recognition and technical support of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), Spanish Cooperation, Mexican Cooperation, SEGIB, and other key partners such as the Right to Food Observatories (ODA) of Latin America and the Caribbean and Spain, we reaffirm our multilateral commitment to the eradication of hunger and all forms of malnutrition, in line with the international commitments adopted under the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

We emphasize that food and nutrition security is a cross-cutting pillar for advancing fundamental rights, social stability, and the development of our countries. In this regard, we reiterate the importance of strengthening national and regional legal frameworks, promoting South-South and triangular technical cooperation, and optimizing food governance mechanisms based on equity and environmental sustainability.

As representatives of the legislative bodies of Ibero-America and the Caribbean, we commit to prioritizing these issues on the parliamentary agenda, fostering synergies with executive branches, international organizations, and organized civil society. This Pact aligns with international human rights instruments and reflects a regional consensus to accelerate progress toward Sustainable Development Goal 2 (SDG 2: Zero Hunger).

We call upon the international community to help consolidate this framework of cooperation, where adequate food stands as a non-negotiable pillar of peace, planetary protection, and shared prosperity.

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