

INTERNAL REGULATIONS

**Ibero-American and Caribbean Parliamentary
Alliance for Food Security**

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TITLE I GENERAL PROVISIONS

CHAPTER ONE: DEFINITION

Art. 1. The Ibero-American and Caribbean Parliamentary Alliance for Food Security (hereinafter "the Alliance") is a parliamentary action platform composed of the different 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 central objective of the Alliance is to strengthen the legislative and institutional processes in each of its member parliaments. To this end, it will promote the formulation and approval of legislation aimed at building public policies with adequate budgets, which facilitate the realization of the right to food, incorporating a gender and 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 in each of their member parliaments.

Art. 4. The purpose of these Regulations is to regulate the organization and operation of the Alliance, by establishing its organizational structure, operational rules, internal guidelines, and external relationship guidelines, in order to facilitate the fulfillment of its objectives.

CHAPTER TWO: DENOMINATION AND SYMBOLS

Art. 5. The official and sole denomination, including its respective translations, will be: Ibero-American and Caribbean Parliamentary Alliance for Food Security. All members of the Alliance shall use this denomination in every reference, communication, document, publication, or audiovisual material.

Art. 6. The Alliance will have a website and will develop actions for its positioning on various social media platforms. The logo to be used will be agreed upon by consensus among the representatives of the Alliance members.

TITLE II

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

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

- Non-discrimination. The criteria established in these regulations shall apply to all parliamentarians with equal treatment and without any kind of discrimination.
- Transparency. All procedures, requirements, and any other circumstances of general interest will be communicated to all involved parliamentarians prior to decision-making.
- Publicity. All decisions taken by the Alliance must be communicated to its members through previously agreed channels.
- Participation. All parliamentarians belonging to the Alliance have the right to participate in its general decision-making. Likewise, mechanisms will be guaranteed to facilitate the highest possible degree of participation in the various joint activities.
- Plurality. The Alliance is constituted as a plural network consistent with the diversity of its members, which reflect the different political, ideological, and cultural views present in each country. This plurality is manifested in the integration of parliamentarians from different parties and currents, recognizing that the fight against hunger and malnutrition requires a collective effort involving all of society.
- Gender equality. The development of the activities and the work of the Alliance will seek at all times to be governed by the principle of gender equity. To this end, efforts will be made to ensure parity in representation.
- Interculturality. Respect for the inclusion of the worldviews and practices of indigenous and Afro-descendant peoples will be considered in all relevant definitions of the Alliance.
- Sustainability. The Alliance will promote sustainable development through legislative action, especially considering a climate and environmental perspective in the strengthening of regulatory frameworks and institutional spaces.

- Evidence-based work. The Alliance will promote links with academia, preferably through the network of the Observatory of the Right to Food in Latin America and the Caribbean (ODA-ALC) and Spain (ODA-ES), and other organizations, to support with evidence its proposals for improving the legislative frameworks in each of its member countries.

TITLE III

PURPOSES OF THE ALLIANCE

Art. 8. To promote the development and strengthening of effective regulatory 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 drive the development of regulations aimed at promoting more resilient, sustainable, and inclusive agrifood systems, which place SDG 2 Zero Hunger as a priority in the public policies of the countries. In this framework, the following will be encouraged, among others:

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

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

- Ensure a cross-cutting approach of gender equality and a climate perspective in all legislative initiatives;
- Take as a reference the work developed 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 budgetary allocations and effective oversight and monitoring mechanisms;
- Make visible the role of strategic alliances to achieve results, especially with the Executive Branch, academia, and civil society;
- Count on the support of historical partners, such as Spanish Cooperation and the Mexican Agency for International Development Cooperation (AMEXCID), among others;
- Foster the exchange of legislative and regulatory experiences related to the realization of the right to food between countries in the region and other regions of the world, promoting 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

CHAPTER I: MEMBERS

Art. 11. The Alliance constitutes a platform for parliamentary articulation and is composed of the different 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 the Right to Food. The common objective of the Alliance is to promote parliamentary cooperation and the construction of common positions among national, supranational, and subnational or departmental parliaments, from a plural and multi-party perspective, to position food and nutritional security and the fight against hunger and malnutrition among the main priorities of the countries' public agendas.

CHAPTER II: STATES PARTIES

Art. 12. The bodies referred to in the previous article of any parliament in the region that so expresses and that complies with these regulations in the Ibero-American and Caribbean sphere will be part of the Alliance. Efforts will be made to ensure that all parliaments in the region participate in the Alliance.

CHAPTER III: SCOPE OF ACTION

Art. 13. The Alliance will be confined to the regional scope formed by the countries of Ibero-America and the Caribbean.

However, it may establish strategic alliances with similar parliaments and parliamentary networks from other regions, as well as with institutions and organizations of different natures, which, although not part of the region, share the commitment to the promotion and defense of human rights, particularly the right to adequate food. These alliances will seek to coordinate efforts and facilitate the exchange of experiences and best practices.

TITLE V ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

CHAPTER I: MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

Art. 14. The Management Commission (CG) of the Alliance is the bi-regional collegiate body (on the one hand, Latin America and the Caribbean, and, on the other hand, 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 interested academia and 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 Management Commission will be composed of:

- The regional coordinator of the PFH-LAC.
- The deputy regional coordinator of the PFH-LAC.
- The coordinator of the Spanish Parliamentary Alliance for the Right to Food.
- The coordinator of the Portuguese Parliamentary Alliance for the Right to Food.

Art. 16. The members of the Management Commission shall hold office for a period of two years, counted from their official appointment at the corresponding Ibero-American and Caribbean Forum, which will also be held bi-annually.

In the event that any of the members concludes their parliamentary term in their respective country, their participation in the Management Commission will be terminated immediately. This circumstance must be officially communicated to the rest of the Commission members.

In the absence of any of the members, either for this reason or others duly justified, they may be replaced. In the case of the PFH-LAC representatives, the substitute person will be designated by the Executive Coordinating Commission of said Front. In the case of the parliamentary alliances of Spain and Portugal, the designation will be made by the respective alliances.

The person designated to hold the position will do so only for the remaining period of the incumbent Management Commission's mandate.

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

- a. Officially represent the Alliance.
- b. Preside over the meetings of the Management 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 agrifood 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 the gender equality approach and climate perspective in the legislative and political initiatives promoted by the Alliance.
- e. Base its actions on the work developed by the PFH-LAC and the parliamentary alliances of Spain and Portugal, prioritizing the drafting of legislation on food security and nutrition, with adequate budgetary allocations and effective oversight mechanisms.
- f. Make visible and promote strategic alliances that contribute to achieving the Alliance's objectives, 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 Management Commission will meet in the following modalities:

- Monthly and virtually;
- In-person, at least once a year, provided circumstances allow.

In case of absence, the members of the Management Commission may appoint a representative. This person will have the right to speak, but not to vote.

Art. 19. The convening of sessions will be the responsibility of the Technical Secretariat (ST) of the Alliance, which must do so at least one week in advance, via email.

The Technical Secretariat may suggest topics for the session's agenda and will be responsible for taking the minutes, which must be approved by a majority of the Management 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 PFH-LAC, formed by the Support Project for the Hunger-Free Latin America and the Caribbean 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 Hunger-Free Mesoamerica Program, from the FAO Subregional Office for Mesoamerica. This Technical Secretariat will support the work of the Alliance's CG.

Art. 21. The ST will perform the following functions:

- a. Organize the meetings of the CG and the Ibero-American and Caribbean Forums, as well as other articulation spaces that may be defined.
- b. Suggest topics for the agenda of the different activities, as well as propose other related activities.
- c. Promote articulation among the parliamentarian members of the Alliance.
- d. Compile and make available reports and work teams linked to the topics addressed by the Alliance.
- e. Support systematization and knowledge management processes promoted by the Alliance.
- f. Compile and disseminate information related to regulations, public policies, and field experiences concerning food security and the right to food, developed in the different Ibero-American and Caribbean countries.
- g. Provide technical support to the management and implementation of the Alliance's instruments described in Article 22.
- h. Support partner loyalty actions, as well as the identification of new allies and other strategic institutions and organizations.

- i. Annually compile the monitoring reports of the Ibero-American and Caribbean Parliamentary Pact drafted by each affiliated parliament, and share them with the Alliance's parliamentary community.

CHAPTER III: INSTRUMENTS

Art. 22. Bi-annual work plans for defining the objectives and lines of action of the Alliance during that period, as well as for their proper follow-up.

Art. 23. An Ibero-American and Caribbean Parliamentary Pact for Food Security, as the Alliance's main political instrument. Said Pact will establish specific goals and indicators, with the purpose of elevating political commitments and 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 a 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 progress reports of the Alliance and the Pact, which include actions that have guided legislative work and compile mechanisms and resolutions that have generated concrete actions and State policies on food security and nutrition.

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

Art. 26. The Alliance will have an online Knowledge Platform, aimed at compiling the legislative work and contributions of the different parliaments within the framework of the fight against hunger and malnutrition.

TITLE VI COMMON PROVISIONS

CHAPTER I: ACCOUNTABILITY

Art. 27. The Management Commission must report on the main achievements, challenges, and progress of the current period, especially regarding tasks related to the Ibero-American and Caribbean Parliamentary Pact and the commitments assumed in the previous Ibero-American and Caribbean Forum.

Accountability will be carried out bi-annually, within the framework of the Alliance's Forum. At the end of said activity, the progress report of the Pact and the Alliance will be ratified.

CHAPTER II: CONCERTED ALLIES AND OBSERVER PARLIAMENTS

Art. 28. The Alliance, in its activities, may have concerted allies, upon request for accreditation submitted to the Management Commission. Said request must be formally accepted by the Commission, which will establish the terms and conditions for the participation of these concerted allies in the agreed activities.

Art. 29. Priority will be given to the participation as concerted allies of those institutions that pursue common goals and interests aligned with the Alliance's work, favoring association with organizations that promote 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 observers of the Alliance, following accreditation granted by the Management Commission.

CAPÍTULO III: LANGUAGES

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

TRANSITIONAL CHAPTER:

Art. 32. These Regulations shall enter into force on the day following their approval.