LETTER FROM PARLIAMENTARIANS
FOR THE RECOGNITION OF PARLIAMENTS
IN THE GLOBAL CLIMATE GOVERNANCE

The pressing challenge of climate change imposes on humanity one of the most complex and urgent tasks of our time. The impacts are already a reality in all regions of the planet, requiring a coordinated, ambitious, and transformative response toward a just climate transition. Given the magnitude of this crisis, the 30th Conference of the Parties (COP30) in Brazil, to be held in Belém in 2025, plays an extremely relevant role. This event represents a turning point, with the opportunity to advance the implementation phase of the Paris Agreement.

The Global "Mutirão", proposed by the Brazilian Presidency, requires the joint efforts and mobilization of all sectors of society. In this collective effort, **we, parliamentarians, have a fundamental and irreplaceable role in climate governance**. As legitimate representatives of the popular will, we have the constitutional responsibility to legislate, monitor, and ensure that international commitments, such as those of the Paris Agreement, are effectively translated into norms, regulatory frameworks, and adequate and localized public policies. We also have the responsibility to demand transparency and ensure that the climate transition occurs in a fair, inclusive, and effective manner, integrating different levels of government and sectors of society through political coordination.

Since the Paris Agreement, from 2015, parliamentarians have been recognized as an informal group within the UNFCCC — a first step toward reinforcing their importance as key actors in the implementation of the NDCs. In this sense, our main demand is **the formalization of a parliamentary constituency within the UNFCCC**. This would mean guaranteeing institutionalized access to strategic spaces in global climate governance, including the right to intervene in negotiation plenaries, receive advance information from the Secretariat, coordinate meetings with official representatives of the Parties, and organize the participation of parliamentary observers in the processes. This is a fundamental step toward **ensuring that the Legislative Branch can actively and continuously play its role in the international climate agenda**, especially at a time when implementing the commitments assumed in the Paris Agreement requires greater coordination between state and non-state actors.

The current political and climate context reinforces the urgency of this formalization. Parliaments are essential in the **review and implementation of NDCs**, given that most national mitigation and adaptation policies depend on legislation compatible with the 1.5°C goal. Furthermore, parliamentarians have the responsibility to ensure the continuity of climate commitments even during changes in government and to maintain open channels with civil society. Their democratic legitimacy and institutional position allow them to overpass **periods of political setbacks**.

Moreover, the creation of a parliamentary constituency in the UNFCCC is aligned with international precedents. Since 1995, a formalized Local and Municipal Government Constituency (LGMA) has existed, which has played an important role in implementing climate policies through representatives of the local Executive Branches. Just as similar

spaces for parliamentarians exist in forums such as the G20 and BRICS, a legislative constituency in the UNFCCC would institutionally reflect **the role of parliaments as permanent, articulating, and indispensable actors in transforming global goals into concrete action in the territories**.

The COP30 Action Agenda, with its thematic axes, offers a vast field for parliamentary action at all levels. We emphasize our alignment with the global objectives to tackle the climate crisis and the urgent need to accelerate the implementation of concrete actions at all levels. We will work to ensure that the transition to low-carbon and climate-resilient economies is fair, inclusive, and equitable, addressing the structural inequalities that exacerbate vulnerability to the climate crisis, especially considering gender, race, and ethnicity. We recognize the urgent need to include black, peripheral, indigenous, peasant, and traditional populations in COP30 and throughout the entire climate agenda.

We invite all parliamentarians to join this letter. COP30 is our opportunity to demonstrate, with unity and purpose, that this collective action is our most effective solution. By signing this letter, we commit to working to strengthen parliamentary leadership in the climate agenda and contribute to the effective implementation of climate commitments.

The time of mutirão is now.

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