



**MEMORANDUM OF COOPERATION
BETWEEN
THE LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN
GROUP (GRULAC)
AND
THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES
AT THE INTER-PARLIAMENTARY UNION**



The Latin American and the Caribbean Group (GRULAC), composed of the Parliaments of Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Chile, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Dominican Republic, Surinam, Trinidad and Tobago, Uruguay and Venezuela, and the United Arab Emirates, represented by the Federal National Council (FNC), all being members of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU), an entity that comprises most of the world's Parliaments since 1889,

in light of the mutual respect of the principles and the constitutions of the United Arab Emirates and the GRULAC countries, and with due respect to the United Nations principles and goals, as well as those of the Inter-Parliamentary Union and the regional Arab and Latin American parliamentary organizations, aiming particularly at achieving peace and international cooperation and upholding human rights,

- Recalling that the Inter-Parliamentary Union is the forum for parliamentary political dialogue that aims at achieving peace, security and cooperation amongst peoples, as well as promoting democracy and the respect for human rights within the geopolitical groups represented in it;
- Bearing in mind the principles that inspired this organization, like the defense of peace, cooperation among peoples and the consolidation of representative institutions;
- Recognizing the importance of cooperation between the Inter-Parliamentary Union and the United Nations through their joint efforts to address important international questions;
- Considering the respect of both parties to public international law and, therefore, to the non-interference in the internal affairs of their member states, as well as to the sovereignty and territorial integrity of all their members;
- Stressing the role of parliamentary diplomacy as an adjunct of formal national diplomacy, as well as a source of hope to address matters of great relevance in an increasingly globalized world.
- Underlining the importance of cooperation and political dialogue to deal with matters of common interests.
- Having a keen interest in further strengthening the bonds of friendship, the exchange of information on matters related to law, science, education, health, advanced science and technology, sustainable development, cooperation for development and exchange of expertise in the field of business, enhancing strategic cooperation in the different Arabic, Latin American and international issues; and
- Aware of the need to create common grounds to bring positions closer and create mutual trust between GRULAC and the United Arab Emirates.



THEY AGREE TO

I

Sign a Memorandum of Cooperation between GRULAC and the United Arab Emirates, represented at the IPU, with the aim of strengthening bonds of friendship to bring stability, continuity and plurality to their relations, and to provide a mechanism for mutual cooperation, information exchange, exchange of visits of parliamentary delegations and missions by way of maintaining and reinforcing their bilateral cooperation, in addition to promoting communication in the field of political dialogue, international peace and security, promotion of democracy, education, energy and water resources, in addition to any other field that could be of interest of both parties.

Work to increase business opportunities and investment exchange by opening new markets and expanding the horizon for more negotiations that would be promoted by parliamentarians from both sides to promote trade.

II

Create a mixed group for parliamentary cooperation between the FNC and GRULAC, with no more than seven members from each group.

III

Both parties will meet at least once a year at the margins of the Inter-Parliamentary Union meetings. If the meeting is held in the United Arab Emirates or other member state of GRULAC, the host country will bear the costs of the meeting. At the end of each meeting, the venue, dates and agenda of next meeting are decided.

IV

GRULAC shall be represented by its Boards of Directors. The FNC Group delegation in the Inter-parliamentary Union shall act as the United Arab Emirates representative.

V

The Memorandum of Cooperation between GRULAC and the United Arab Emirates shall come into force upon signature and for an undetermined period of time. It may be terminated by either party by giving the other party a 60-day notice.

VI

In consultation with each other, the Secretaries of both parties shall be responsible for submitting and implementing the draft agendas.


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