

## Y. Supporting the establishment of a Latin American parliamentary knowledge network

### DESAin collaboration with the ECLAC (\$407,300)

#### Background

126. As highlighted in the World e-Parliament Report 2008, issued by the United Nations, the Inter-Parliamentary Union and the Global Centre for information and communication technology in Parliament, the success of long-established networks such as the National Conference of State Legislatures in the United States and the European Centre for Parliamentary Research and Documentation in Europe, underscores the value of these associations for parliamentary development and institutional strengthening and suggests the opportunity to extend the benefits of this type of cooperation to other regions. It also makes clear that, through these networks, parliamentary exchanges on research and legislative documentation of international scope can be more effective and can concretely help to advance the internationally agreed goals.
127. No formal and structured cooperative mechanism of this kind exists today among the parliamentary assemblies of Latin American countries. This project is therefore designed to support parliamentary administrations in Latin America to establish a Latin America Parliamentary Knowledge Network which will facilitate their structured and coherent cooperation in the areas of management of legislative documentation, parliamentary research, and knowledge and information exchanges.
128. The project builds on the lessons learned from the recent establishment of the Africa Parliamentary Knowledge Network, agreed upon by 36 parliamentary assemblies of Africa. The process was supported by the DESA and ECA through a project financed by the Development Account.
129. The project also draws on the experience of the programme Red de Funcionarios de Tecnología de la Información en los Parlamentos de las Américas, jointly developed by the Global Centre for information and communications technology in Parliament and the Inter-American Development Bank, which established a limited network of parliamentary information technology experts in the region.

<b>Objective of the Organization:</b> To support the establishment of a Latin America Parliamentary Knowledge Network to strengthen documentation and knowledge-sharing among parliamentary administrations.	<b>Summary budget</b> (Thousands of United States dollars)		<b>Comment [IL1]:</b>
	Consultants	120.0	
<b>Relationship to the strategic framework for the period 2010-2011 and the Millennium Development Goals:</b> DESA subprogramme 8 (Public administration and development management); Millennium Development Goals 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8.	Travel	48.4	
	Contractual services	24.3	
	Operating expenses	5.0	
	Workshops	209.6	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>407.3</b>	

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement
(a) Increased awareness, collaboration and sharing of best practices in the areas of legislative management, parliamentary research	(a) (i) Increased number of parliamentary assemblies endorsing the Charter of the Latin America Parliamentary Knowledge

and documentation, and knowledge and information management, based on a Charter agreed upon by Latin American parliamentary assemblies

(b) Increased skills of staff of parliamentary administrations in the areas of legislative management, parliamentary research and documentation, and knowledge and information management

(c) Adoption of common guidelines on parliamentary activities and documents

Network

(ii) Increased number of staff from parliamentary administrations of Latin America collaborating and sharing information and best practices through a formal networking mechanism

(b) Increased number of exchanges by parliamentary assemblies on legislative management and on parliamentary research and documentation

(c) Increased number of parliamentary assemblies adopting common guidelines on parliamentary activities and documents

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### **Main activities**

130. The main activities of the project will include:

- (a) Organizing a policy-oriented workshop to bring together high-level representatives of Latin American parliaments to agree upon a charter establishing a common framework for the network and to discuss the network's implementation modalities;
- (b) Designing and creating a portal to serve as a platform for online networking and as a knowledge repository for advisory services, e-training, best practices, etc.;
- (c) Organizing two trainings for parliamentary officials in the areas of legislative management, and parliamentary research and documentation. These aim to build capacity of parliamentary staff on specific topics to be identified in consultation with the network members according to their needs and priorities;

(d) Organizing a workshop for the discussion and adoption of common guidelines on parliamentary activities and documents.

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<b>Implementing entities:</b> DESA with ECLAC		<b>Duration:</b> 2010 – 2013
<b>Objective:</b> To support the establishment of a Latin America Parliamentary Knowledge Network (LAPKN) to strengthen documentation and knowledge sharing among parliamentary administrations.		
<b>Summary budget</b> <i>thousands of US dollars</i>	<b>Detailed budget (US dollars)</b>	
Consultants	120.0	<b>Consultants (\$120,000)</b> 120 000
Travel	48.4	<u>International consultants</u>
Contractual services	24.3	International consultants for holding the workshop (in support of activity (a)) (1 work month x \$7,000 per month) and (\$7,000 for consultant travel) (\$14,000)
Operating expenses	5.0	International consultants for preparing training and background material (in support of activities (b) and (c)). (4 work months x \$7,000 per month) and (\$10,000 for consultant travel) (\$38,000)
Workshops	<u>209.6</u>	International consultant for external evaluation of the project (\$12,000)
<b>Total</b>	<b>407.3</b>	<u>National consultants</u>
		National consultants for preparing background material and drafting the Charter of the network (in support of activity (a)). (3 work months x \$4,000 per month) (\$12,000)
		National consultants for realizing the knowledge portal, in support of activity (a) (3 work months x \$4,000 per month) (\$12,000)
		National consultants for maintaining and developing the knowledge portal, in support of activity (a) (8 work months x \$4,000 per month) (\$32,000)
		<b>Travel of staff</b> 48 400
		<u>DESA Staff:</u> Organizing and coordinating the 4 workshops/trainings (in support of activities (a), (b) and (c)). (\$5,000 per person x 8 persons) (\$40,000)
		<u>Regional Commissions' staff/ other UN staff</u>
		Participating as resource persons in the 4 workshops/trainings (in support of activities (a), (b) and (c)) (\$2,100 per person x 4 persons) (\$8,400)
		<b>Contractual services</b> 10 000
		<u>Translation</u>
		Translation of documents into Spanish/Portuguese (in support of activities (a), (b) and (c)) (\$10,000)
		Contractual Services in support of all activities (\$14,300) 14 300

	<p><b>Operating expenses</b></p> <p>Communications and supplies in support of all the activities = \$5,000</p> <p><b>Workshops and Trainings</b></p> <p>1 regional policy-oriented workshop (in support of activity (a)). (\$1,800 per participant x 1 participant per chamber x 28 chambers x 1 workshop) (\$50,400)</p> <p>1 training (in support of activity (b)). (\$1,800 per participant x 1 participant per chamber x 28 chambers x 1 training) (\$50,400)</p> <p>1 training in support of activity (b). (\$1,800 per participant x 1 participant per chamber x 28 chambers x 1 training) (\$50,400)</p> <p>1 regional workshop (in support of activity (c)). (\$1,800 per participant x 1 participant per chamber x 28 chambers x 1 workshop) (\$50,400)</p> <p>Local arrangements, including conference facilities and services, for workshops (in support of activities (a), (b), and (c)) (\$2,000 x 4 workshops/trainings) (\$8,000)</p>	<p>5 000</p> <p>209 600</p>
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