



**SIGNING OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**  
**between**  
**UNOCT & PARLATINO**  
**THE UNITED NATIONS OFFICE OF COUNTER-TERRORISM**

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## **PRESS RELEASE**

**UNOCT and PARLATINO sign a Memorandum of Understanding to strengthen parliamentary efforts on countering terrorism in Latin American and Caribbean region**

**New York – Panama City, November 1, 2024** — The United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT) and the Latin American and Caribbean Parliament (PARLATINO) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to strengthen cooperation in fostering the role of national parliaments in preventing and countering terrorism across the Latin American and Caribbean region.

The MoU was signed by Mr. Vladimir Voronkov, Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism and H.E. Mr. Rolando Gonzalez Patricio, President of PARLATINO during a virtual ceremony held on November 1, 2024.

In his remarks, Mr. Voronkov appreciated PARLATINO's early involvement in the Counter-Terrorism Coordination Mechanism for Parliamentary Assemblies, which was established by the UNOCT Programme Office on Parliamentary Engagement in Preventing and Countering Terrorism in December 2021. "The PARLATINO's commitment to ensuring and promoting parliaments' central role in countering terrorism and preventing violent extremism has been exemplary, and this MoU will only strengthen our shared efforts for a future without terrorism," he said. "This agreement marks a new chapter in our collaboration, which will help empower parliamentarians across Latin America and the Caribbean to develop and implement the necessary legal frameworks to counter terrorism while promoting inclusive governance," Mr. Voronkov noted.

His Excellency Mr. Rolando Gonzalez Patricio, President of PARLATINO, stressed the importance of this Memorandum, stating that "This is an extraordinary opportunity for our Assembly to be able to count on the collaboration with UNOCT in our regional legislative work in order to be able to develop the best policies to confront the phenomenon of terrorism in all its manifestations".

The MoU is a key milestone in the ongoing partnership between UNOCT and PARLATINO, which aims to enhance parliamentary engagement in addressing terrorism and conditions conducive to it, while placing special emphasis on promoting human rights-compliant and gender-responsive

approaches. The MoU provides a framework for collaboration that will enhance inter-parliamentary dialogue and support the parliamentary efforts in the development and advancement of counter-terrorism legislation, policies and strategies, ensuring that parliaments are well-equipped to respond to the evolving security landscape.

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