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PARLACEN swears in Secretary General of the SIECA

The President of the Central American Parliament, Member of Parliament (MP) Dorindo Cortéz, on behalf of the Plenary Assembly, proceeded to swear Mr. Ernesto Torres Chico in, as Secretary General of the Secretariat of the Economic Integration of Central America (SIECA), during a special ceremony held on Tuesday, January 27, 2011.

The President of the PARLACEN indicated during his speech that “this day, one of the new attributions of the Central American Parliament begins to become concrete; but even more, it gets materialized – although we are not unaware of the fact that there is still a way to go: the full exercise of democracy and the domination of the communitarian judicial legislation of Central America.”

As the Secretary General of the SIECA, Mr. Torres Chico, took the floor, he declared that, while he leads the SIECA, the central goal will be the deepening of the process of economic integration and the advancement towards a customs union that takes into account the multidimensional approach which the integration requires at the moment.

Finally he said that “I am sure that for this effort we can count on the support of this Honourable Central American Parliament which constitutes the center of the regional political debate, and inspires us to gather our courage that strengthens our suggestions, activities and programmes, with the consent and the expression of the will of our region’s inhabitants, so that we turn into instruments of the real expression of democracy”.

The swearing-in of the Secretary General of the SIECA is conform to the Protocol of Amendment to the Constituent Treaty of the PARLACEN – article 5 clause f) allows the Central American Parliament to swear elected and appointed persons in, for the high posts of the System, immediately before they take office.