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### **Forum “ National Issues Reviewed by the Central American Parliament“**

In the presence of the President of Honduras, Porfirio Lobo Sosa, government officials, diplomatic corps and other special guests, the 1<sup>st</sup> Forum “ National Issues Reviewed by the Central American Parliament“ took place on Thursday, February 17<sup>th</sup> 2011.

The opening speeches to the event were held by the Vice President of the Central American Parliament for Honduras, Member of Parliament (MP) Hena Ligia Madrid de Torres, who declared that “the realization of this event obliges us to continue this path of success towards a genuine regional integration, now that we need national reconciliation and respect for the participatory ideological pluralism; where the best of the ideologies converge for the wellbeing of the Central American people; where we learn to listen with respectful attention to the diversity of opinions on any matter, without sterile confrontations”.

During his speech, the Vicepresident of the for PARLACEN for Guatemala, MP Marco Antonio Cornejo, announced that “forums like this one, which were created from the experience of the Central American Parliament, open us the doors towards a mutual and open dialogue which enables us to find integrated and complete solutions to the different problems we are facing on national and regional levels. In fact, if it is possible to bring together such different streams, originating from different countries, in a forum like the Central American Parliament, it should be more manageable on a national level. But for this, personal and selfish positions and interests need to be set aside, so we can open up and listen to solutions coming from other ideological streams, which eventually result to be enriching for the solution and correction of national problems that trouble us”.

The President of Honduras, Porfirio Lobo, expressed at the opening of the event that it was an honour for Honduras to be hosting the forum, whose goal it is to unite the people and the region. He stated that the Central American Parliament is an extensive and advisory pluralistic forum, aiming for peace, harmony and integration of the public and therefor of the Central American nations.

During his statement, the Honduran President also endorsed the establishment of the Institute of Criminal Investigation and of the Multinational Regional Police for Criminal Investigation. “We are ready to send out this important treaty to our people to start a discussion and get approval” he said.