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PRESS RELEASE

Member for Cayo West attends the 30th Extraordinary Meeting of FOPREL in Rabat, Kingdom of Morocco

Friday, 29th November 2024 – The Honourable Jorge Espat, Minister of State for Investment, is participating in the 30th Extraordinary Meeting of the Forum of Presidents of Legislative Assemblies of Central America, the Caribbean, and Mexico (FOPREL). The three-day meeting is being held in Rabat, Kingdom of Morocco, under the theme: "Facing Common Challenges: Security, Climate Change, and Economic Development."

The meeting is being held from the 27th to 29th November 2024 and is co-hosted by the Moroccan Parliament and FOPREL. The event provides an invaluable platform for parliamentary leaders to exchange ideas, strengthen collaboration, and address pressing regional and global issues. Parliamentarians will be discussing issues relating to interparliamentary dialogue and cooperation, with a focus on the shared challenges of security, climate change, and sustainable economic growth.

The opening session on Wednesday, 27th November 2024, was chaired by Honourable Luis Rolando Redondo Guifarro, Speaker of the National Congress of Honduras and ProTem President of FOPREL. Among the distinguished speakers at the opening ceremony were Honourable Rachid Talbi El Alami, Speaker of the House of Representatives of Morocco, and Mr. Mohamed Ould Errachid, Speaker of the House of Councillors of Morocco. Several resolutions were approved, including the appointment of the Moroccan Parliament as an Associate Member of FOPREL. Morocco has held observer status within the Forum since 2014.

The Speakers and parliamentary delegations from Central America, the Caribbean, and Mexico have also engaged in a series of courtesy visits with senior Moroccan government officials.

The Honourable Espat is being accompanied by Ms. Mary August, Parliamentary Executive Assistant. The travel expenses for the delegation were covered by FOPREL and the Moroccan Parliament. The Honourable Espat is scheduled to return to Belize on Tuesday, 3rd December 2024, and Ms. August will return on Sunday, 1st December 2024.

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