

Commitment document of the Caribbean countries participating in the X Forum of the Parliamentary Fronts against Hunger of Latin America and the Caribbean

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We, the representatives of the Caribbean countries, namely Bahamas, Belize, Grenada, and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, gathered at the X Forum of the Parliamentary Fronts against Hunger of Latin America and the Caribbean (PFH-LAC), in Santiago, Chile, declare that:

- We recognize the 14 years of work of the PFH-LAC, supported by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), throughout the “Hunger-free Latin America and the Caribbean Initiative” (IALCSH), supported by the Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation (AECID) and by the “Mesoamerica without Hunger Program” (MSH), bolstered by the Mexican Agency for International Development Cooperation (AMEXCID).
- We highlight the importance of parliaments in the fight against hunger and malnutrition in all its forms and commit to forming and reactivating the existing fronts in the Caribbean and strengthening the effort of the fronts at the regional level. We commit to placing this topic at the top of the political agendas in our countries amid global complexities and the conditions that characterize the Caribbean region as the over-reliance on food imports. We intend to develop and promote the ability and capacity to produce sufficient food to feed ourselves as a region. The reliance on imported food must be gradually disassembled and immensely reduce the region's food import by 25% by 2025.
- We acknowledge the need to make food and nutrition security an important facet of the development of our society.
- We acknowledge the unique context the Caribbean region presents, and in particular Haiti, and stress the importance of multilateralism and international cooperation to aid the most disadvantaged nations.
- We acknowledge the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC) as an intergovernmental mechanism of regional importance; we recognize that it promotes the integration and development of our countries, and its special relationship with the Caribbean region through its Pro Tempore Presidency held by Saint Vincent and the Grenadines. We advance the CELAC Food and Security 2025 agenda, and celebrate the SAN CELAC food security, and zero hunger PLAN update to 2030, including implementation, monitoring, and evaluation chapters, which will actively contribute to food security, nutrition, and eradicating hunger.
- We reiterate the unwavering commitment from our parliaments to continue pushing for a zero hunger world that allows having a dignified life for all, leaving no one behind.