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## ParlAmericas' Canadian Section engages in high-level talks with Mexican officials

Canadian parliamentarians to meet with Marcelo Ebrard, Mexico's Secretary of Foreign Affairs

**OTTAWA – February 11, 2019** — On February 11–13, 2019, the <u>Honourable Bob Nault</u>, P.C., M.P., President of ParlAmericas and Chair of the <u>Canadian Section of ParlAmericas</u>, will lead an all-party delegation to Mexico City, Mexico for bilateral meetings. Mr. Nault will be accompanied by the <u>Honourable Rosa Galvez</u>, Senator, the Honourable <u>Kellie Leitch</u>, P.C., M.P., Mr. <u>David Christopherson</u>, M.P. and Mr. <u>Marc Serré</u>, M.P.

The visit to Mexico builds on a meeting held in Ottawa on October 22, 2018 between ParlAmericas' Canadian Section and then incoming cabinet members of the newly elected government of Mexico.

During their mission to Mexico City, the Canadian delegation will meet with: <u>Marcelo Ebrard, Secretary of Foreign Affairs</u> and <u>Luz María de la Mora, Undersecretary of the Economy</u>. In addition, the delegation has scheduled meetings with Adelfo Regino, head of the newly created <u>National Institute for Indigenous Peoples</u>, with the foreign affairs committees in the <u>Senate</u> and the <u>Chamber of Deputies</u>, and with business leaders, academics and representatives of civil society organizations.

"These meetings are extremely important and timely as it is the first delegation of Canadian parliamentarians to visit Mexico since that country inaugurated a new president," said Mr. Nault. "Engaging with Mexican officials at this early stage will help us to establish a strong relationship with Mexican parliamentarians and with President López Obrador's administration."

As well, the delegation will participate in activities designed to celebrate the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Canada–Mexico relations, which are being organized by the Embassy of Canada. Mr. Nault will make opening remarks at an event at which the *Canada–Mexico Handbook* – a reference tool for helping to promote bilateral relations – will be launched.

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