



Joint Interparliamentary Council

Conseil interparlementaire mixte

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## Minutes

**Meeting No. 181**

**March 11, 2020**

The Joint Interparliamentary Council met *in camera* this day at 11:45 p.m., in room 505 of the Victoria Building, Mr. Bruce Stanton, MP, presiding.

Representing the Senate: Hon. Donald Plett, Hon. Dennis Dawson and Hon. Ratna Omidvar.

Representing the House of Commons: Hon. Wayne Easter, John Brassard, Lindsay Mathysen, Hon. David McGuinty, Hon. Ginette Petitpas Taylor, and Marilène Gill, MPs.

### **In attendance:**

From the International and Interparliamentary Affairs Directorate: Jodi Turner, Acting Principal Clerk, Parliamentary Exchanges and Protocol; Patrice Martin, Deputy Principal Clerk, Parliamentary Associations; Mariane Beaudin, Deputy Principal Clerk, Parliamentary Associations, Conferences and Logistics; Jubilee Jackson, Deputy Principal Clerk, Parliamentary Associations, Conferences and Logistics.

From the Senate: Richard Denis, Interim Clerk of the Senate and Clerk of the Parliaments and Chief Legislative Services Officer; Vanessa Bastos, Interim Chief Human Resources Officer.

From the House of Commons: Charles Robert, Clerk of the House of Commons; Pierre Parent, Chief Human Resources Officer; Eric Janse, Clerk Assistant, Committees and Legislative Services Directorate.

From the Library of Parliament: Marcus Pistor, Senior Director, Economics, Resources and International Affairs Division; Laura Barnett, Chief, Human Rights, Immigration and Citizenship; Alexandre Gauthier, Chief, Resources, Energy and Transport.

### **1. COVID-19:**

It was agreed -- That the co-chairs write to all bilateral and multilateral associations' chairs to inform them that, in order to address the outbreak of COVID-19, this Council orders a moratorium on all International and Interparliamentary Affairs supported international

travel and incoming delegations until May 6th, 2020; directs all associations to cancel or postpone any mission presently being planned during this period and communicate their decisions to the Senate Committee on Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration and the House Board of Internal Economy.

At 12:25 p.m. the Council adjourned to the call of the Co-Chairs.

Patrice Martin

Acting Clerk