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Honourable Ramon Cervantes Participates in the Installation of the Special Interparliamentary Commission on Health of FOPREL

- Friday, 21st August 2026 - The Honourable Ramon Cervantes attended the Solemn Installation Session of the Special Interparliamentary Commission on Health of the Forum of Presidents of Legislative Powers (CIES-FOPREL), held on Thursday, August 20th, 2026, at the National Congress of the Republic of Honduras in Tegucigalpa.

The session formally established the Special Interparliamentary Commission on Health of FOPREL as a regional parliamentary mechanism aimed at strengthening cooperation among member legislatures and advancing coordinated legislative action on key public health priorities. The Commission will facilitate political and technical dialogue, knowledge exchange, legislative studies and strategic partnerships to support stronger health systems, universal health coverage and greater harmonization of health-related legislative frameworks across the region.

During the proceedings, representatives considered and adopted the **Resolution on the Installation and Operation of the Special Interparliamentary Commission on Health of FOPREL**, formally commencing the Commission's operations and approving its Strategic Roadmap for the period August 2026 to August 2028.

Under the Roadmap, the Commission's work will include the development of legislative studies, regulatory proposals, exchanges of good practices and other parliamentary actions. Priority areas include the prevention, care and comprehensive response to synthetic drugs and new psychoactive substances; the promotion of physical activity as a public health strategy and the prevention of chronic non-communicable diseases; and strengthening the provision of oncology services. Mental health will also be addressed as a cross-cutting public health priority.

The programme included the formal installation and swearing-in of the Commission's Presidency, the signing of the Installation Act, presentations from regional and international health stakeholders, presentation of the Strategic Roadmap, an interparliamentary debate, and the reading and adoption of the Commission's resolution.

Hon. Cervantes is expected to return to Belize today, Friday, August 21st, 2026 and his travel and participation costs were covered by FOPREL.

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