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ATTENDANCE

Preside	: Mr. Legislator Rodrigo Goñi Reyes (President)
Members	: Gentlemen Legislators Felipe Carballo Da Costa, Veronica Leticia Mato, Martin Melazzi, Gustavo Olmos, Carmen Sanguinetti, Sebastian Valdomir and Alvaro Viviano
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SPECIAL COMMISSION ON FUTURES

(Meeting held on September 14, 2023 in conjunction with the working group for the II World Summit of Future Commissions).

MR. PRESIDENT.-We begin this meeting.

(It is 1:06 p.m.)

- We have invited everyone to participate in this Special Commission on Futures To all of us who are involved in the organization of the event that will take place Between 25 and 27 September, both members of Parliament and organizations contracted or that are*partners*on this occasion.

The idea for today is, in one hour, to review absolutely all the main elements of that activity so that they are duly recorded in a formal minutes and approved within the commission, while being public so that everyone can see it and know what we are going to do between those dates.

I'll start briefly with the finally adjusted agenda. I asked the gentleman Secretary to give them the last one, which will be the one carried out with some adjustments smaller, but it's basically what they will receive now.

We begin on Monday, September 25 with a solemn opening ceremony in the Session Hall of the House of Representatives, at 7:00 p.m., which will feature the Presence of the President of the Republic and the President of the Assembly General, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and, probably, the President of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, who is also a co-organizer. They would be four, in principle, at the top. I say all these things for the purposes of the audios and everything that needs to be done so that this can be developed as corresponds. As you will remember, when the President of the Republic attends, he speaks Generally standing, a whole audio scheme is set up for people to talk about foot, without prejudice to the fact that the person who will lead the act will be the president of the General Assembly.

In the boxes we will have precisely identified people. There they will the presidents or vice-presidents of the regional parliaments and authorities duly identified, for example, the representatives of the organizations international organizations, such as the UN, the OAS and the European Union. Why I mention these organizations because they are actively participating in the event. Therefore, the two boxes will be complete with the highest authorities they have to do with the event, for example, the president of Parlatino, the president of Parlasur, etc. So, I repeat, we are going to have the boxes full of these kinds of authorities.

The trays will be occupied, as is protocolarily done, by the Gentlemen ministers, undersecretaries and any other authority of the same rank.

In the benches, which are 164, there will only be the parliamentarians who are find registered, which is a total very similar to that number. Today there are about 155 confirmed and accepted, although we have a slightly higher number of registered. Therefore, even if all the registered users are confirmed, there are always some that are missing. I do not want to give the case of a country that has had a problem geographic, an accident, and such cases are expected, so a percentage will not occur. We have to manage the number of 150 parliamentarians, who all sit in the seats. Naturally, we are reviewing, excuse me, a topic that may seem minor. We usually fight over pillows, so if we can

having them in the 164 seats will be better. Everything that has to do with the benches is there to try to ensure that they are in the best possible situation.

We also establish here, for the corresponding purposes, that we have to expand the audios for the trays. Why? Because they will always be used for the panels. The trays, very similar to those we have in other Similar congresses that we have participated in are used for that, that is, for the panels. The person who is leading the event always stays on top, but the panels will be made from the trays. Therefore, the issue of audios – today the trays they don't have them - we must leave it well adjusted in the panels. The parliamentarians are going to sit in their seats with their respective microphones.

That is the way we are going to develop the activity, always in the Room Sessions of the House of Representatives.

After this opening act, which will last – the rhythm is set by the Mr. President of the Republic and Madam President of the General Assembly – in a an hour or so – no more, but no less – we are going to have a cocktail – the first one – with all the people who are in there, but also –I forgot to say– with the eighty or ninety delegates who will be in the first bar. The delegates are experts, high-ranking officials who come from the various Parliaments. Many of them They call it*advisors*,but they are high-ranking officials in the Parliaments to whom they are the subject is of interest. Therefore, those who appear to us - that will be duly identified – with the name of delegates, *advisors*–After that, it will be defined. clearly–, they will always have access to the first bar, which has a capacity greater than 150 people. Therefore, that group will always enter that place, which is also authorized to participate in activities from the first bar.

So that first day we're going to go from the opening ceremony to a cocktail party at where, in addition, for the only time, we will have other special guests, beyond the Ministers, such as presidents and some vice presidents of public bodies

who have been linked to this commission by their subject matter, that is, related to the Science and technology: ANII, LATU, Inefop, Ceibal and Agesic, among others fifteen or twenty public bodies. All of them, who have been working with the Special Commission on Futures, logically they will be invited to that first cocktail of opening.

So for that first day we are going to have a number of guests special. It may be the only day that is a little bit complicated for us because a minister We are not going to ask for the card, nor the undersecretaries and presidents of those organisms. We must have the scheme set up so that they enter naturally both the plenary session and the opening cocktail. On that occasion we will also have All ambassadors and consuls who have been collaborating with the event were invited. Therefore, that opening cocktail in the Hall of Lost Steps from the The end of the solemn opening ceremony will be attended by approximately three hundred people.

As you know, but I remind you, we will always have the official entrance through the door on Libertador Avenue, that is, the official entrance to the Palace Legislative, a topic to which we will return later. In the hall of honour will be everything ready for the accreditations. In that first part of the Hall of the Steps Lost we will have more places to accredit, in the lobby too, so that the people get their bearings. In those first parts of the Hall of Lost Steps We will also have places for the press. We will set up places, *backstages* for that the press has several spaces there from the start.

The rest of the room will always be left so that people can rest, chat, flow. The Hall of Lost Steps is going to be free for that. Having more of three hundred people always on the return, it will be more than necessary.

The Special Events Room will be set up for use at any event.

eventuality, so it will not be possible to enter and leave just like that.

On Monday, then, there will be that cocktail. In principle there will be no speech. It will be there not the huge screen, as we thought at first, but a smaller one, in which We will be showing the agenda, the logos, etc., etc., but it gives the touch of that A summit is taking place. The cocktail party will last approximately one hour. and a half. Therefore, we have to prepare to be finishing at 09:30 or 10:00, approximately.

In this first instance we are going to test the mechanisms that we have. for the use of the vehicle entrance at the bottom – as we had planned – with their corresponding fences and the buses that, at this point, will never be less four and they come directly from the Hyatt Hotel. That day we are going to have a difficult time a little more because more official cars will come. Protocol will later define whether the Official cars are given the same space or another one, since they are better known. a very special, identified and well-known audience.

On Tuesday 26th we started the activity early. As indicated, at 08:30 accreditation begins. We cannot say anything else. The first buses are going to leave at 08:00. It's very early, but it's the first day.

It is planned –I clarify this for some who have asked me– that the buses Officials for the summit will be accompanied, at the specified times, with the motorcycles so that they can arrive in a reasonable time and without problems. We are always talking about the buses that leave from the Hyatt and Costanero hotels. The others are they fix each one.

As indicated in the program, from 08:30 to 09:00 we will have the accreditations. We will try to make that schedule as close as possible, but we already inform you

I say – it is a tone that we must have – that each participant, each parliamentarian is responsible for their schedule. So, we will never pressure or do anything As it happens in a match, which does not start without the players, but we are going to act accordingly. according to the established schedules. What do I mean? If at 09:00, 09:05 we have The first activity within the plenary session is planned, so it will be done. It is planned so that can be held, because the number – as we discussed here – is very important. With any number less than the total we function wonderfully well.

Do we have a problem? Yes, with our seats in the Session Room of the House of Representatives, because late arrivals complicate getting in line. That It is an inconvenience, but we have no solution. The benches will have their little flags, Naturally, one per country; for example, if five Indians come, they will have their own flag. India and the little sign. What am I getting at? What will be the problem of each delegation, that they arrive more or less together, and we will have it. The good thing is that in the plenary the sound is quite clear and strong and therefore, in the event of them getting up and sitting down For those late arrivals we have no choice but to say bad luck. Why? Because We are going to have very tight activities. So, we are going to start and finish more or less at the scheduled times.

The first day we have two activities together, so we are thinking about start at 09:00 and end at 10:45. This will be the time when the journey will be longest. sitting time. It is the same as when you sit down to watch a movie in the cinema, so we can also stay for an hour and forty-five minutes without getting up.

Then we will have a*coffee break*of fifteen or twenty minutes, for which yes The spaces in the Hall of Lost Steps must be delimited, which will be permanent flow.

Here a first big issue appears, which is the bathrooms. We have very few bathrooms and are not easily accessible. Therefore, in the identification, each will be indicated room. I take this opportunity to say that we already have eight confirmed for the working groups: Antechamber of the House of Representatives, Antechamber of the Senate, Ministers' Room, Chamber Juan Andrés Ramírez, Martín C. Martínez Room, the two rooms of the Frente bench Large in the House of Representatives and the National Party bench, also in the Chamber of Representatives. Therefore, we identified five bathrooms: in the House of Representatives, one of men and one of women; the inmates of the Frente Amplio bench – it is very important, because they are added – and also those in the corridors of the Senate. There are two or three more at most. That means we have very few bathrooms. Therefore must be very well identified. Also the*roll-ups*They have to identify the place of the bathrooms because otherwise it is impossible to find them.

Leaving then already confirmed the rooms, the anterooms and the three rooms of the Senate, who have their respective microphones and the perfect number, we will not have no problem. The two rooms of the Frente Amplio bench, which are very good, and the one from the National Party bench does not have audio and, therefore, it must be placed, at least two microphones. There the audio has to be fixed with what we have or hiring, but those three rooms need it. The anterooms have their equipment, but whatever is necessary will be arranged so that both can function because they will be there the largest groups.

Finished the *coffee break*in the morning, at 11:00, 11:10 or 11:15 – We are going to inevitably run away a little bit, we are going to have the other session plenary session, also in the Session Room of the House of Representatives, with the private companies. There will be a panel with seven or eight people who, as I said, They will be on the tray with the panelists and probably the moderators in the

places of the presidency of the chamber, that is, at the top. It is the panel in tray that, in principle, will be the longest of all, an hour and a half. Naturally, it will be one of the strongest instances that this summit will have, since 11:10, 11:15 until around 13:00.

At 13:00 we have the event of *lunch*, which is quite a challenge. Why? Because we have the *lunch* official outside, at the Uruguay Club, which is attended in bus, and there will also be a parallel one, unofficial –so to speak–, organized by the Parlatino, which will develop a very important activity. The Parlatino It is the body that brings together the Parliaments of Latin America, where Uruguay has a very important role. That activity will be very important and we hope that the participation of as many Latin American parliamentarians as possible, among others things because it helps us to reduce the transfer to *lunch* at the Uruguay Club.

So what's going to happen? We can't force parliamentarians Latin Americans to go to*lunch*from Parlatino. We will try to direct the invitation there. Naturally, whoever has the little sign of parliamentarian and delegate can go up to the bus and go to Club Uruguay. That's the truth.

So, here we are going to have a slightly complex instance. Why? Because Latin American legislators must be brought to the Acuña Hall Figueroa, where the event and the*lunch*. This will be done on the back and the activity in the Acuña de Figueroa Room. There is also the audio and screen part will have to operate between 13:00 and 15:00. Naturally, it will have to be controlled the people who are there, who are very important, the representatives of Parlatino, among others. That will be more controlled. There we also have the advantage of having more bathrooms in the basement. The*lunch*of the Uruguay Club is very difficult to control; we will try to adjust it as much as possible to the schedule. People who go will have their seat and their food at Club Uruguay. We will not be able to fully control how many will go one way and how many for another. We know that these buses must be guarded to arrive in a more or less reasonable time both out and back. We will try to make the*lunch* be as fast as possible, but it will take place at a table.

There we have to be very prepared and very flexible so that the people leave. I mean, it's normal for people to leave. Period. Certainly, in The extent to which we can see that flow on the first day, it always serves to see how We prepare for the second day, but we must also know that there are people who comes and goes, or not.

In the afternoon we plan to start at 3:00 p.m. Regarding this number, yes We will try to be flexible because until the buses return from the Club Uruguay we cannot start because we are responsible, not the parliamentarians. So, most likely that will be delayed a little bit and Let's start at 3:30 pm. There we have a one and a half hour session as well, always in the Session Room of the House of Representatives, which ends at 16:30, 16:45, 17:00. We also have a *break*in the Hall of Lost Steps for a coffee, etc.

At approximately 5:00 p.m. we begin the *workshops*, the works in group, which will be in those places and we must have prepared teams. Beyond the two moderators that each group will have, the Parliament, through Protocol or whoever corresponds, you should have one or two people, I would say two per group, to accompany you to the room and everything you need during that hour and a half.

After finishing the group work, around 19:00, in principle – I repeat: in principle; we will see if people are not too tired or distracted – we will have a plenary session. In fact, this will be the first time that we can use the Auditorium Special Events. If the team was greatly depleted –as is expected– and we are less than 150 in total, we will use the Special Events Hall to change and loosen up a little bit. So that space is going to be available for that final session. Why? What? Because many people will leave because they are very tired from the trip, without sleep, etc., and we should not make a fool of ourselves by leaving spaces in the Hall Sessions, so it is best to go to the event room.

We will make it short because at 8:00 or 8:30 we will have Tuesday dinner and will take place at the Mercosur headquarters. The good thing is that we will be prepared for 250 people at least. We don't know how many will be left sleeping, but if everyone is If you happen to go, the buses will be leaving as we always do, every ten minutes, and people will arrive at the Mercosur headquarters and freely integrate. It will It should be made clear that this activity is absolutely optional and free as to whether they want to go for a little while or not attend, in short, whatever. Naturally, we will have a schedule of end, which will be at 22:30 at the latest.

We finished the cocktail at the Mercosur headquarters and the buses returned to the Hyatt hotel, which has the great advantage of being very close; it is a very short journey.

Anyone who wants to leave this itinerary will do so on their own, alone and without responsibility on our part. The Lourdes team will have offers for whoever I want to go out and do other things, but outside the summit. That has to be okay. clear.

Now let's move on to Wednesday, the third or second day of work. We started at 09:00 in the morning with the same scheme: in the plenary hall of Chamber of Deputies until 10:30, that is, an hour and a half of session, followed by a*coffee break*At 11:00, or a little later, we have the second group work, At 13:00 we have a*lunch*The great advantage it has is that it will be here, on the ground floor, in that whole area behind the elevators. It's a fairly small area. spacious, but just in case we are going to add a tent. That is to say, even if it rains, We will be able to be outside, in a place that allows us to move around with agility. In this In this case we must also plan for the use of the bathrooms; those in the basement will be used and from the second basement. This is not a minor issue because people go to the bathroom Taking advantage of those free moments. We have to try to identify where they are because otherwise we will have to answer to a lot of people who ask us will be asking where the bathrooms are. The more clearly marked they are, the better.

For your information, at the same time of the *lunch* general for 250 people – it is a significant number – there will be a UNDP activity in the Acuña room Figueroa for special guests of the organization and some legislators, but it will not be a number greater than twenty. Therefore, we have to think that 90% of those who are participating in the summit, whether parliamentarians or delegates, will be in the *lunch* officer on the ground floor. In terms of security, I think everything is pretty clear.

In the afternoon we will be starting around 2:00 or 2:30 p.m. with an activity that It will also take place in the Chamber of Representatives Session Room, which will be will last until 3:00 or 3:30 p.m., followed by a*break*.

The third group work is likely to start to decimate. In any case case, if the reduction in the number of people were significant, instead of seven, They would make six groups; we will see that in due time.

Finally we have the plenary session, in which the criteria that will be used will be: I mentioned earlier. In principle, we think that the meetings will take place in the Chamber of Deputies Session Room, but as we are going to have the Hall of Representatives Lost Steps as a meeting place, if by the flow we see that the Session Room

It's going to be too big for us, we're moving to the Special Events Hall for the final statement.

The only change in the agenda they have in their possession is the following. We are thinking –and we will most likely do so– that, instead of having the *dinner* At the Hyatt – when people leave the hotel we don't find them anymore – we could organize a cocktail party at 7:00 p.m. in the Hall of Lost Steps. As the saying goes Deputy Viviano, that would be the most reasonable because, in addition, at that time the majority of The inhabitants of this planet do their *dinner*. Therefore, it can be very It is appropriate to have a cocktail party at 7:00 p.m. with everyone present, say a few words, thank you, read the statement and wish them the best on their return trip. Then we took them to the Hyatt hotel to sleep, and the night was over.*summit*. Let's take into account He then tells us that it will be a cocktail party in the Hall of Lost Steps similar in the same format as the first day, only with fewer people.

To give you an overview, here is the agenda and everything we have that we seek to achieve in those two and a half days.

Questions about this agenda, about this general overview? If not, Let's move on to some specific topics.

We have asked the Medical Service officials to accompany us. because it is an intense agenda, with many people who have made very long trips long. As far as meals go, we're going to have some special ones for those who ask for them; we will not be offering them. Whoever asks for a special meal, will have it. because there are people who have dietary restrictions or special diets. In that scheme we must always foresee possible health situations, which many Sometimes they may be very minor, but issues such as fatigue, etc., come into play. Therefore, the sooner we can resolve them, the better, especially with regard to the

meetings in the Chamber of Deputies Session Room, which may be a little intense.

As far as security is concerned, we have been working very well, very

As far as visas are concerned, work is being done very, very well.

Regarding communication, we have been doing everything we said we would. We were going to do this, which is to report on everything that is happening.

In the days we have left we have to finish all the signage part,

As they say, it has to do with the *roll-ups* that were commissioned; we hope that the sooner we can see them in place for testing.

Regarding the bathroom issue, we have to make sure they are as well signposted as possible. possible because if they are difficult to locate for those of us who are here, much more so will be for those who do not know the place. We have to avoid the discomfort of have to ask constantly, so it's best to have some

guiding signage.

This would be the general overview. Any questions?

MR. MONES.-As for the signage, considering that many people are going to come from Outside, will the signs be in Spanish and English?

MR. PRESIDENT.-In both languages. Everything we do regarding signs will be in both languages: Spanish and English.

Regarding the issue of accreditations, we will try by all means to to do them beforehand. At the Hyatt hotel there will always be a person who will be informing you. And here naturally we have to put together the largest possible team to accompany the activity. Within our departments, except for the sessions of the Commission of Budget integrated with the Senate Treasury for the treatment of the surrender of accounts, we are going to need everything else to care for these nearly 300 people who we will receive, among parliamentarians and delegates.

We are also going to solve the internet issue. From now on *summit*Let's go solve that problem. There will also be a screen available to display any video or pass some information. I am referring to the medium screen –but equally important size– that Lourdes mentioned at the time.

MR. VIVIANO.-Obviously, national legislators are going to collaborate in the addressing people. When will we have that information, that is, such a meeting, such a place, such another meeting, such another place? I ask this to see if we can anticipate a bit to the direction of people, that is, knowing in advance in which room they will be will do everything.

MR. PRESIDENT.-The members of the commission will be participating in all activities. We have not yet put together the *workshops*; we are going to do it starting on Monday, when we will finally have the payroll. Today we asked the UIP to confirm who is coming. In this sense we have to make a distinction: there are countries that bring many members and we are going to suggest dividing those delegations, so we will have to make a group by group. Of course Then people can move in a different way, for example, if representatives of India wants to be all together, they can do it, but in principle, dealing with a important delegation, we are going to suggest that you split up.

Our idea is that the members of the commission participate in all the *workshops*On Monday we will have a request from the organizing committee. so that we participate in this or that group. The groups, especially the larger ones, go to have an interpreter. For example, today we saw that there are very few French speakers, so they probably hang out in the same group. In that case, simply

We will send someone who speaks French. We will try to avoid that in all groups It is necessary to do all the interpretation; we are going to try to put together the groups by language, although at the same time we will try to make them as mixed as possible. So, There will be clearly Latin groups, clearly European groups, and African groups. We will try to do the best*mix*possible knowing that, in the end, everyone goes to the group who wants. Of course the two largest groups will be in the anterooms.

If there are no questions, we inform you that there will be additional activities to which we are mentioning. One of them will be coordinated by Deputy Melazzi.

MR. MELAZZI.-I was entrusted with being in some way the link with ANEP for try to decentralize some of these workshops so that they reach education already have tertiary education; the senator is in charge of this last aspect Sanguinetti.

I know that Lydia Garrido has been working with ANEP officials, so I simply inform you that we are in contact with her and another person who will be helping us to try to ensure that this, which is so important, does not remain not only in Parliament, but also in schools and in the interior, thus covering a larger number of people in general.

MRS. SANGUINETTI.-We agreed to encourage universities to somehow capitalize on what is already happening with this*summit*. Together with Lydia We had conversations with Udelar, ORT, UM, Claeh, UDE and UCU to tell them what was going to happen in these three days, the theme, the profile, the activities that were going to be carried out. In addition, we invite you to join virtually because, as we know, we have the limitation of space.

We think that this is a very good opportunity for both academics and students take advantage of the arrival of all these experts. The various universities, depending on how advanced they are in addressing artificial intelligence, They are exploring the possibility of, on the one hand, participating virtually in some specific instances, and at the same time generate some activity, workshop, etc., Then send us your comments so that we can incorporate them into our reflection. end.

The conversations we have had have been very good. The event has aroused a lot of interest. I think one of the positive aspects is that it is pulling for the generation of opportunities, as it is such a transversal issue, to delve deeper into the work around the topic.

If I remember correctly, we gave them next Friday as a deadline to get back to us. Please let us know from which side you are going to approach that, just so we can do it. share.

MRS. GARRIDO.-Regarding what was just mentioned, this is It is very interesting because in some way the walls of the Parliament and this has spread to all of Uruguay. We have more than twenty centers educational at the level of ANEP and five universities that would be participating. In turn, From abroad they have started to ask us to use this alternative, that is, to move to work in these spaces and in hybrid modalities –virtual and in-person– and simultaneous. This is the case of Paraguay: the University of Asunción, together with students from the Paraguay Strategy Center, will invite some of the parliamentarians who They will not come to the delegation to participate through the*streaming*in a series of activities that will be organized there.

Something similar has been discussed with the Externado University of Colombia because, as a result of what we have brought about with this *summit*, the Parliament of that country

signed a couple of months ago the creation of what they call an accidental commission – by the procedure, which is fast – of futures.

We are doing the same with Mexico, with the Tecnológico de Monterrey and with the University of Mexico –also with the University of Costa Rica–, motivating and encouraging these Parliaments to have their future commissions.

MR. PRESIDENT.-I'm going to mention a few things we forgot,

just to write them down.

We are going to have some guests, namely: a group of about twenty-five young people, who have been specially invited by political parties to participate. If they enter the first bar, fine; otherwise, there is no problem because There will be some extra-summit events, which will be duly identified and which may come from some social organizations. They will have a separate category and, as I said, if they enter the first bar, fine, but there is no problem if we have them. to be located in the second. This is an audience that is also included in the

summit activity.

Questions about operational issues? Because today's meeting is operational. **MR. BRANDO.-**I confess that I do not understand what is meant by trays and

panels.

MR. PRESIDENT.-In the Session Room of the House of Representatives there are, On the sides, some rings, let's say, which is where the ministers sit. When Let's use those trays or rings for panels, we will need three microphones for the four or five people on the panel. In turn, in sessions like the opening one, we will have the fifteen places on one side and the other to locate the authorities who always they sit there.

This team is going to be working *full time*next week, available for any guestions. I see that Flavio Caiafa and Rafael Sotelo are here, who will give us a big hand in preparing the group moderations. It is a topic that It is outside this operational group, but it will be essential for the activity. The moderators will have an absolutely decisive leading role in to collect the instances in which the parliamentarians are really going to participate. Also We have to say that in the rest of the activities it will be very exceptional. participation of parliamentarians due to the time we have. So, the instance for the intervention of the parliamentarians will be that of the groups, the *workshops*. Of course, moderating a common group is not the same as moderating a parliamentary group, which They have their customs and their prerogatives. That is why we have asked a very special group select top-level organizations in our country that help us to achieve and carry out the work in groups, which I already appreciate and record in the version shorthand. It is of fundamental importance to have them. At 3:00 p.m. we have a first meeting with the moderators and another one tomorrow, at 11:00. That's another part, that we did not want to include in this group because it is going to be fundamentally technical.

Without further ado, we conclude the meeting. I remain at your service for any questions. clarification, doubt or query.

(It is 2:06 p.m.)