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Canadian parliamentarians travel to Buenos Aires for meetings on Women's Empowerment

Members of the <u>Canadian section of ParlAmericas</u>, led by the <u>Hon. Robert D. Nault</u>, P.C., M.P., Chair of the Canadian Section of ParlAmericas, will attend meetings of women parliamentarians held in Buenos Aires, Argentina, from 22 to 24 May 2017.

Accompanying Mr. Nault are the <u>Honourable Mobina Jaffer</u>, Senator, the <u>Honourable Michael MacDonald</u>, Senator, <u>Ms. Julie Dzerowicz</u>, M.P., <u>Mr. Randy Hoback</u>, M.P., and <u>Ms. Brigitte Sansoucy</u>, M.P.

The delegation joins parliamentarians from countries located across Central and South America, and the Caribbean, to participate in meetings focussed on fostering women's empowerment in society and politics, ending violence against women, and gender equality in the political and economic spheres.

The delegation will hold a meeting with the Argentina-Canada Friendship group to discuss increasing collaboration on hemisphere-wide challenges such as climate change, and research and innovation.

"I am honoured to be leading this delegation to Buenos Aires to discuss the empowerment of women both in politics and civil society," stated Nault. "These bilateral meetings will provide a unique opportunity to collaborate with our colleagues in the Americas and the Caribbean on best practices and new, innovative ideas. I look forward to our discussions and furthering our strong partnership with Argentina."

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