

Uruguay's Parliament Resumes Sessions with Broad Front Majority



Montevideo, February 16 (RHC-teleSUR)-- Uruguay's Parliament began its 48th session on Sunday, with the party of President-elect Tabaré Vázquez filling a majority of the seats.

In Uruguay's general elections last year, the Broad Front (FA) party won both the majority of Parliament and the presidency. Vázquez will begin his term on March 1st.

The South American country's October elections resulted in 50 deputies and 15 senators from the FA. Outgoing President José "Pepe" Mujica was among the FA members elected to the nation's legislature.

However, there will be some changes in the coming days, with several new legislators appointed to Vázquez's cabinet. For example, elected Senator Eduardo Bonini will take the post of Minister of the Interior. His place will be taken by an alternate.

The same will happen with current Vice President Danilo Astori, who was elected senator and will assume his responsibilities as the new Minister of Economy.

Vice President-elect Raul Sendic will chair the Senate and FA leader Alejandro Sanchez will head the House of Representatives.

The FA took power in 2005 when Vazquez was elected to his first presidential term, while Mujica kept the party running the country after he was elected president in 2009. Under Uruguayan law, presidents are forbidden to serve consecutive terms.

Mujica's legacy includes a wide range of achievements in the country's economy, health care, education, and culture.

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