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Gabriela Cuevas Barron studied Political Science at the Autonomous Technological Institute of Mexico (ITAM), in addition to having participated in numerous programs and diplomas related to public administration.

She was elected Federal Member of Parliament for the first time when she was 21 years old. Since then, she has been three times Federal Member of Parliament (2001 – 2003, 2009 – 2012, 2018 – currently), as well as Local Member of Parliament (2003 –2006), and a Constituent Member of Parliament in the Constituent Assembly of Mexico City (2016 – 2017) where she presided the Commission of Mayors; Additionally, she was elected Mayor of the Miguel Hidalgo Delegation (2006 – 2009) becoming the only woman in charge of a demarcation during that period. She also chaired the Foreign Relations Commission when she served as Senator of the Republic (2012 – 2018).

Ms. Cuevas has also collaborated in the Euro-Lat Parliamentary Assembly proposing resolutions about migration, development and economic crisis. Furthermore, she writes in El Universal newspaper and supports multiple civil society organizations.

The principles that have guided her efforts have been transparency, citizen participation, combating corruption and protection of human rights. She obtained the Recognition for Innovations in Transparency from the Institute of Access to Public Information of Mexico City in 2009 and was decorated with the grade of Chevalier de la Légion d'Honneur by the Government of France in 2017.

In 2017 Gabriela Cuevas Barron became the youngest and the second woman President of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU). The IPU was created in 1889, in an era when there were no established means for governments to work together internationally. Today, IPU is the oldest multilateral political organization, and it is also the only one made up of national parliaments from all around the globe. For the last 130 years, its main objective has been to promote democracy, human rights and the sustainable development agenda by empowering decision makers from 179 countries. Gabriela's main commitment has been to strengthen the links between the member nations and the Presidency, listen to their concerns and promote collaborative dialogue.