

Foreword

It is with renewed enthusiasm that I present the second issue of the *Plenário* magazine. The warm reception of the inaugural volume confirmed the relevance of a journal dedicated to studying the Legislative Branch, the lawmaking process, and the relationship between the branches of the Republic from a rigorous legal perspective open to interdisciplinary dialogue. The continuity of this publication underscores the commitment of the Chamber of Deputies to offering a stable space for reflection on the major themes that run through the Brazilian Parliament.

The magazine was born with the mission of articulating theory and practice, bringing legal research closer to the effective dynamics of the committees, the Floor of the House, and other instances of political decision-making. We have the avowed aspiration that the set of published works consolidates *Plenário* as a forum for interaction between Parliament and academia, between constitutional theory and legislative practice, between the debate on institutions and the concrete lives of people.

Since the harmony between the branches and the subjection to constitutional competences are conditions for democratic stability, it is incumbent upon the Legislative Branch to continually evaluate its procedures, the quality of its decisions, and the way it interacts with the other branches and with society. Democracy requires institutions capable of considering their own performance with technique and transparency.

I thank the authors who entrusted their texts to this journal, the editorial board, and the civil servants of the Chamber of Deputies who make this initiative possible. May this second issue reinforce the vocation of the *Plenário* magazine to contribute to the improvement of the Legislative Process and the strengthening of Parliament as a refuge for dialogue, plurality, and popular will.

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