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The Parliamentary Confederation of the Americas (COPA), an organization that brings together the congresses and parliamentary assemblies of the unitary, federal, federated and associated States, the regional parliaments and the interparliamentary organizations of the Americas, is committed to addressing the major issues of prime concern to its member nations. COPA has become a cohesive international organization and provides a forum conducive to dialogue, goodwill and integration between its members.


The consolidation of democracies within the nations of the Americas is one of the COPA's central focus. In keeping with this principle, we have the honour of inviting you to the **Extraordinary General Assembly of the Parliamentary Confederation of the Americas (COPA)** to be held in **Querétaro, Mexico, July 20–25, 2010** under the theme “**Bicentennial independence celebrations in the Americas**”.

This event will be an opportunity for a high-level meeting aimed at consolidating parliamentary diplomacy between the peoples who, along with Mexico, are proud to belong to independent, free and sovereign nations. Its purpose is to foster goodwill between the various participants, and dialogue on themes of interest to our members, including the **consolidation of democracy, migration, climate change, emerging opportunities in response to the world economic crisis, natural disasters and poverty**.

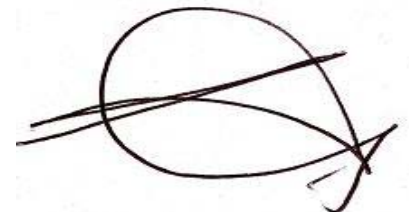
These topics will be addressed during round-table discussions and lectures, which will be followed by plenary sessions devoted to the various contributions. Thus, participants will be able to share various legislative experiences and discuss public policy development with a view to strengthening their effectiveness as parliamentarians.

With this goal in mind, we request that you make sure that the accreditation documents issued to you by the competent authorities of your congress or assembly are in order. You will find enclosed a preliminary program for the general assembly, a registration form and important information relating to your participation. We remind you that it is your responsibility to make the necessary visa application. We also ask that you specify which round-table discussions and working sessions you plan to attend to enable us to make the necessary preparations for this important event.

We eagerly await confirmation of your attendance. Please contact Hugo Vadillo Zurita at COPA's Technical Secretariat in Mexico, by telephone at **+52 (55) 53 45 3000, extension 3941 or 3412 (fax)**, or by email at **secretariaejecutivacopa@gmail.com**. We look forward to seeing you in Querétaro.



Yours sincerely,
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