



## PARLIAMENTARY CONFEDERATION OF THE AMERICAS

### PRESS RELEASE

The Parliamentary Confederation of the Americas (COPA) and its members throughout the continent condemn in the most vigorous terms the recent assassination of Armando Chavarría Barrera, legislator, parliamentarian and President of Mexico's Guerrero State Congress. Mr. Chavarría Barrera's death has saddened us all.

The members of COPA's Executive Committee wish to offer their sincerest condolences to Mexico's parliamentarians, in particular to the members of the Guerrero State Congress, and to the family of Mr. Chavarría Barrera.

As an organization dedicated to the ideals of peace and democracy in the Americas, COPA strongly urges the Mexican authorities to take all the measures in their power to get to the bottom of this deplorable act.

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