



COPA delegation to observe the Mexican general elections of June 7

Mexico, June 3, 2015 – A **Parliamentary Confederation of the Americas (COPA)** delegation arrived today in Mexico to observe the June 7 general election. Member of the National Assembly of Québec Richard Merlini is leading the electoral observation mission, which will be on site from June 3 to June 8.

Parliamentarians from the National Assembly of Quebec, Canada, the Parliament of Central America and the National Assembly of Haiti, an electoral expert from the Chief Electoral Officer of Québec and six advisors will take part in the mission.

Invited by Mexico's National Electoral Institute as an international electoral observer, the COPA delegation will cover polling station operations on election day in the area of the capital city, Mexico.

The delegation will also meet with key actors in the electoral process. The presidents of political parties, the heads of public bodies, as well as civil society organizations and international organizations will be among those consulted by the COPA delegation. Following the mission, the delegation will present a report on its observations to the Mexican electoral authorities and to COPA authorities.

This is the fifteenth such mission for COPA. By taking an increasingly active role in election monitoring throughout the Americas, COPA has established its strategic importance in the consolidation of democracy. COPA was also an observer at Mexico's July 1st, 2012, presidential and legislative elections, July 5, 2009, legislative elections and July 2, 2006, presidential and legislative elections.

Founded in Québec City in 1997, the Parliamentary Confederation of the Americas brings together over 300 parliamentary assemblies of unitary, federal and federated states, as well as the regional parliaments and interparliamentary organizations of the Americas. For additional information on previous COPA electoral observation missions, please visit the following website: www.copa.qc.ca.

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