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**Committee on Human Rights, Aboriginal Peoples and Citizen Security**

Resolution

We, the parliamentarians of the Americas gathered at this 10th General Assembly of the Parliamentary Confederation of the Americas (COPA), in the city of Mar del Plata, Argentina,

**Acknowledging** that governments all over the world must be attentive to the migration phenomenon and implement policies to support migrants at all stages—departure, transit, arrival and return—of the migration process;

**Aware** that this phenomenon is not a recent social development, but rather, has been a characteristic of human civilization throughout history;

**Recognizing** that migrant groups are made up of persons from diverse social and economic classes, including members of Aboriginal communities of the Americas, whose human rights are consistently violated;

**Realizing** that, in certain regions of our continent, the approach to the migrant phenomenon is utterly incoherent, as evidenced by the adoption of laws characterized by a total indifference to international conventions on human rights, especially with respect to the most vulnerable groups, such as women and minors;

**Considering** that it is more urgent than ever to update, adapt and implement migration law in local and federal legislation and international treaties and accords, given the adverse economic conditions of the first decade of the 21st century, which provoked a sharp increase in the number of migrants seeking better opportunities;

**Convinced** that respect for the human rights of all migrants, regardless of their status, must be the common denominator of all legislation in the hemisphere and that it is necessary to band together to support, by appropriate diplomatic means, the repealing of the laws that currently contravene the fundamental rights of human beings on the basis of their migrant status;

**Determined to apply** the guiding principles that COPA has adopted, our thematic committee being an expression of those principles and also a tool for following up on and implementing them through our individual members;

## Resolve

**To continue** promoting the search for integral solutions, and for legislative tools to ensure their application, with a view to proper respect for the rights of migrants, especially women and unaccompanied minors;

**To urge** the local, regional and federal legislative assemblies of the Americas to work toward tightening their migration laws, in keeping with the principle of regional collaboration, in order to quickly find solutions to the abuses suffered by migrants throughout our continent;

Likewise, **to urge** the parliaments of the Americas currently without migration legislation to promote the adoption of such legislation;

**To encourage** respect for human rights in the legislation and measures under the responsibility of the parliamentarians of the Americas, with particular attention given to Aboriginal groups migrating for various reasons;

**To support** the parliamentarians and parliaments of the Americas in their efforts to draft laws, regulations and measures to protect the integrity of migrants so that COPA may have a united voice recognized and heard throughout the world in the struggle to protect migrants and respect their rights;

**To collaborate** actively and earnestly in the proceedings of this committee and COPA in general, so that the solutions and measures adopted to protect migrants are implemented and human rights are in fact respected. For this reason, the Committee proposes to COPA's Executive Committee, through its Executive Secretary, Cristina Ruiz Sandoval, that the first seminar on the topic "Migration and Security: The Paradigm of our Era" be held at the 22nd meeting of COPA's Executive Committee, scheduled for March 2011 in the State of Mexico, Mexico.

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