



**PARLIAMENTARY CONFEDERATION OF THE AMERICAS  
16<sup>th</sup> GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
PANAMA CITY, PANAMA**

**February 26 to March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018**

**Recommendation on the dispatch of an electoral  
observation mission to Mexico**

**WHEREAS** the general elections are to be held in Mexico on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018;

**WHEREAS** the participation of parliamentarians from COPA in multilateral electoral observation missions is a matter of priority in order to attain the COPA objective of contributing to the strengthening of parliamentary democracy and to the edification of a community of the Americas founded upon respect for human rights and dignity, peace, democracy, solidarity among peoples, social justice, and equity between women and men; and

**WHEREAS** these elections are particularly significant for the community of the Americas;

**WE, members of COPA, gathered in Panama City, Panama, for the 16<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of the Parliamentary Confederation of the Americas;**

**And acting upon the recommendation of the Committee on Democracy and Peace:**

**DECLARE** our support for and our solidarity with Mexican society and the democratic institutions of that country in organizing the general elections next July 1<sup>st</sup>;

**PROPOSE** the dispatch of a COPA electoral observation mission to these elections in Mexico, with due respect for the national sovereignty of that country;

**PLEDGE OURSELVES** to uphold the principles of regional balance and political pluralism in forming a delegation of parliamentarians from the Americas, and to make sure that the observation mission will carry out its task in an independent and impartial manner as stipulated in the By-laws of COPA Electoral Observation Missions.

**Adopted by the General Assembly of COPA, on March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018, in Panama City, Panama**