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COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT DECLARATION ON THE 2030 AGENDA FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

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GIVEN that the United Nations General Assembly has adopted Resolution 70/1 entitled “Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development” along with its sustainable development goals and related targets;

NOTING that policies supporting innovative environmental solutions can facilitate implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its sustainable development goals;

RECOGNIZING that it is important to maintain a balance in promoting sustainable development and taking into account its economic, social and environmental dimensions;

RECALLING that environmental conservation, maintaining ecosystem services and their functions, and sustainable natural resource development and management should be guaranteed under new environmental solutions;

The Members of the Parliamentary Confederation of the Americas (COPA) Committee on the Environment and Sustainable Development, gathered in the facilities of the Latin American Parliament for the 16th COPA General Assembly,

Consider it essential and a priority for COPA member nations and parliamentary assemblies to take the following measures:

1. Promote:

- a. measures to encourage innovative action and activities regarding environmental legislation and regulations, and the adoption of budgetary measures for applying them, so as to facilitate implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;
- b. measures to enhance innovative, environmentally sound technologies that enable sustainable use of environmental capital and natural resources, minimize pollution and prevent ecosystem degradation;
- c. innovative environmental solutions by establishing and increasingly implementing state-of-the-art financing plans, through education, research and development, capacity development, public-private partnerships and by harmonizing legislation and regulations;

2. Take specific action, such as:

- a. strengthening partnerships among governments, the private sector, non-governmental organizations and the scientific community to promote and increase investment in innovative environmental solutions;
- b. preventing, reducing and reversing ecosystem degradation and loss to allow sustainable natural resource use and management, thereby ensuring sustainable development;
- c. promoting innovative, environmentally sound policies permitting sustainable industrialization, urban development, transportation, tourism, trade, consumption and production.