



**PARLIAMENTARY CONFEDERATION OF THE AMERICAS
25TH MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MEXICO CITY, MEXICO
DECEMBER 1, 2012**

**Draft recommendation on the dispatch of an electoral
observation mission to Paraguay**

WHEREAS general elections are to be held in Paraguay on April 21, 2013;

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;

WHEREAS these general elections in Paraguay are particularly significant for the community of the Americas; and

WHEREAS the Superior Tribunal of Electoral Justice of the Republic of Paraguay has sent a letter on November 23, 2012 addressed to the President of COPA, Mr. Jacques Chagnon, to invite him to form a delegation of parliamentary observers in order to witness the 2013 electoral process.

WE, members of the Executive Committee of the Parliamentary Confederation of the Americas, gathered in Mexico City, Mexico, on December 1, 2012:

DECLARE our support and our solidarity with Paraguayan society and the democratic institutions of that country in organizing general election next April 21, 2013;

PROPOSE the dispatch of a COPA electoral observation mission to these elections in Paraguay, 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*.