



### **COPA delegation to observe the Mexican presidential and legislative elections**

Mexico, June 27, 2012 – A **Parliamentary Confederation of the Americas** (COPA) delegation arrived today in Mexico to observe the July 1<sup>st</sup> presidential and legislative elections. The member of the Legislative Assembly of Costa Rica and COPA's vice-president for Central America, Ileana Brenes Jiménez, will lead the electoral observation mission from June 27<sup>th</sup> to July 2<sup>nd</sup>.

About 30 parliamentarians from different congresses of Argentina, the National Assembly of Québec (Canada), the Parliament of Uruguay, the Congress of the State of Anzoátegui (Venezuela), the National Congress of Chili, the Legislative Assembly of Costa Rica, the Legislative Assembly of Salvador, the National Assembly of Ecuador and the Central American Parliament (Parlacen) will take part in the mission.

Invited by Mexico's Federal Electoral Institute as foreign visitors, the COPA delegation will cover polling station operations on Election Day in the Federal District of Mexico.

The delegation will also meet with key actors in the electoral process. The representatives of political parties and the heads of a number of public bodies and civil society organizations will be among those consulted by the COPA delegation. Following the mission, a report of their observations will be presented to the Mexican electoral authorities and to COPA authorities.

This is the 13<sup>th</sup> 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 has particularly observed the Mexican legislative elections of July 2009 and the Mexican presidential and legislative elections of July 2006.

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](http://www.copa.qc.ca).

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