



COPA Electoral Observation Mission

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Mexico City, June 8, 2015 – A **Parliamentary Confederation of the Americas (COPA)** delegation headed by Richard Merlini, Member of the National Assembly of Québec (Canada), observed the general elections of June 7, 2015.

On election day, the members of the delegation went to the capital, Mexico City, and to the State of Mexico, in particular the city of Tlanepantla, to observe voting in close to 80 polling stations. Despite some negative reports, the delegates noted that the electoral process was complied with and that voting ran smoothly. In fact, the delegates were impressed by voters' civic-mindedness. The delegates also noted the transparency, availability and excellent work of the electoral staff of the National Electoral Institute of Mexico, especially the successful implementation of the elements of the 2014 electoral reform.

Since its arrival on June 3, in addition to its polling station observations, the COPA delegation has held important meetings with political party authorities, the General Council of the National Electoral Institute, and civil society representatives to obtain information on the political and electoral situation prevailing in the country. A full report on the mission will be prepared and sent to the Mexican electoral authorities.

This was the 15th electoral observation mission carried out by COPA, whose strategic importance in consolidating democracy has been confirmed through the increasingly active role it plays in election monitoring throughout the Americas. Founded in Québec City in 1997, COPA comprises over 300 parliamentary assemblies of unitary, federal and federated states, as well as the regional parliaments and interparliamentary organizations of the Americas.

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