



**MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE
PARLIAMENTARY CONFEDERATION OF THE AMERICAS**

**EL CALAFATE, SANTA CRUZ, ARGENTINA
JANUARY 23-24, 2009**

**Recommendation on the Dispatch of
an Electoral Observation Mission to Mexico**

WHEREAS legislative elections are to be held in Mexico on July 5, 2009;

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 the legislative elections in Mexico are particularly significant for the community of the Americas.

We, members of the Executive Committee of the Parliamentary Confederation of the Americas gathered in El Calafate, Santa Cruz, Argentina, on January 23 and 34, 2009,

DECLARE our support for and our solidarity with the Mexican society and the democratic institutions of that country in organizing legislative elections next July 5, 2009;

PROPOSE the dispatch of a COPA electoral observation mission to the next legislative 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.

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