



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

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

**Resolution**

**WHEREAS** in light of the events unfolding in the Gaza Strip, where it seems unlikely that clashes between Israel and Palestine will soon come to an end, and beyond the arguments the States involved have advanced to justify their positions, the Parliamentary Confederation of the Americas remains firmly convinced of the need to turn to diplomacy to resolve conflicts between countries.

**WHEREAS** in keeping with its fundamental principles, our forum for legislators in the Americas—an example of parliamentary democracy and continental collaboration—urges Israel and Palestine to stop fighting and to seek resolution through diplomatic channels. We are convinced these two nations will be able to secure a final and lasting settlement only through mutual understanding and acceptance of their differences, and that the only possible way they can achieve this is through negotiation.

**WHEREAS** diplomacy, in our view, is the sole means of ending conflict without paying for peace with the blood of those who live in the war zone and who, as history has shown, are inevitably the victims of institutionalized violence. For this reason, the Parliamentary Confederation of the Americas is asking that hostilities cease, that the occupation end, that international treaties be observed and that diplomacy be considered the only valid path to a solution to the conflict between Palestine and Israel in the Gaza Strip.

***We, the members of the Executive Committee of the Parliamentary Confederation of the Americas gathered in El Calafate, Santa Cruz, Argentina, on January 23 and 24, 2009,***

**PLEAD FOR** the immediate cessation of hostilities, the withdrawal of troops and the observance of international treaties;

**STRONGLY URGE** Palestine and Israël to turn to diplomacy as the best instrument for quickly resolving their conflict in the Gaza Strip.