



COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, CULTURE, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

RECOMMENDATION ON EDUCATION

WHEREAS at the second meeting of the Ministers of Education of the hemisphere, the Ministers emphasized the importance of education as a tool for attaining peace, eradicating poverty, and combating terrorism;

WHEREAS education is a national responsibility of States;

WHEREAS cooperation between the States of the hemisphere in the area of education enables us to develop closer ties in respect of our values;

WHEREAS an appropriate level of basic education guarantees strong democratic institutions, development, the elimination of poverty and the reduction of criminality;

WHEREAS vocational and technical education is a fundamental right of workers and is essential today for obtaining a decent job;

WHEREAS progress remains to be accomplished in the Americas concerning universal access to education, literacy, and the improvement of vocational and technical education;

WE, parliamentarians of the Americas:

URGE the Heads of State and Government of the Americas to guarantee the allocation of a minimum of 6% of GDP for the education sector and to maintain a progressive increase while taking into account the conditions and needs of each country;

URGE the Heads of State and Government of the Americas to exclude the education sector from trade negotiations leading to the creation of the FTAA;

ASSERT that education is a tool which makes it possible to preserve national identity and the social cohesion of a people.