



PERMANENT THEMATIC WORKING COMMITTEE ON PEACE AND PUBLIC SECURITY

RECOMMENDATION

WHEREAS the Parliamentary Confederation of the Americas (COPA) sees, among its guiding principles, to promoting basic human rights in the areas over which it has authority and among the government and international authorities concerned;

WHEREAS the peace and public security of all the peoples of the world demand reliable legal systems capable of guaranteeing the common good of citizens as well as legal safeguards governing the exercise of public power and the coexistence of citizens;

WHEREAS a number of formal government structures and power groups implement oppressive systems that repress the freedom and justice of the peoples subjected to such regimes, which have managed to preserve a deplorable degree of impunity;

WHEREAS the International Criminal Court was instituted by the Rome Statute to function in the capacity of a judicial authority for hearing violations of human rights and thus considered to be crimes against humanity;

BE IT RESOLVED by the General Assembly of the Parliamentary Confederation of the Americas (COPA) to:

URGE all States that have not yet signed the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court to take measures as soon as possible to sign it or to subscribe to its provisions and thus permit the legitimate and fair application thereof.

This recommendation shall come into force upon approval.

Drafted this 26th day of November 2003 in Caracas, Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.

Introduced by:

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