



**PARLIAMENTARY CONFEDERATION OF THE AMERICAS
7TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
QUITO, ECUADOR, MAY 29 TO JUNE 3, 2006**

**Resolution on the creation of a single organization responsible
for interparliamentary dialog in the Americas**

WHEREAS the creation of a single inter-American interparliamentary organization would help strengthen interparliamentary dialog in the Americas and contribute to the official recognition of an interparliamentary organization by executive authorities of the Americas;

WHEREAS in the final declaration of the COPA General Assembly held in Foz do Iguaçu, Brazil, on May 7 to 11, 2005, the 203 parliamentarians in attendance agreed to “recommend that hemispheric interparliamentary dialog take place at a single organization, and as such bring FIPA and COPA closer, and direct the Executive Committee to consider all appropriate means of achieving this objective”;

WHEREAS a meeting was held on May 19, 2005, in Brasilia between outgoing COPA president Maria José da Conceição Maninha and FIPA president Céline Hervieux-Payette during which avenues for cooperation between the two organizations were discussed;

WHEREAS inter-American interparliamentary dialog must adhere to the principle of equality between the congresses and parliamentary assemblies of unitary, federal, and federated states, as well as regional parliaments and interparliamentary organizations of the Americas;

WHEREAS FIPA and COPA wish to undertake official discussions with a view to creating a single organization responsible for interparliamentary dialog in the Americas;

WHEREAS in a letter addressed to the president of COPA, Mr. Guillermo Landázuri Carrillo, FIPA president Céline Hervieux-Payette invited for that purpose representatives of the executive committees of both interparliamentary inter-American organizations to meet in Bogotá, Colombia, on July 12, 2006, the day before the opening of FIPA'S 5th Plenary Assembly;

WE, the representatives of congresses and parliamentary assemblies of united, federal, federated, and associated states and of regional and interparliamentary organizations gathered in Quito, Ecuador for the 7th General Assembly of the Parliamentary Confederation of the Americas,

REITERATE the need to promote official discussions with the Interparliamentary Forum of the Americas (FIPA) with a view to creating a single organization responsible for interparliamentary dialog in the Americas;

WILL TAKE PART in the planned meeting next June 12 in Bogotá, Colombia, between the steering committees of both organizations, with the goal of creating a single interparliamentary organization in the Americas;

MANDATE to this effect the current and former COPA presidents, acting parliamentarians, and the three secretariats to submit a report to the Executive Committee at each of its meetings.