



**PARLIAMENTARY CONFEDERATION OF THE AMERICAS  
9<sup>th</sup> GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
SALTA (SALTA), ARGENTINA  
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**Recommendation on the dispatch of an electoral  
observation mission to Colombia**

**WHEREAS** presidential elections are to be held in Colombia on May 30, 2010;

**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 presidential elections in Colombia are particularly significant for the community of the Americas;

**WE, the representatives of the congresses and parliamentary assemblies of the unitary, federal and federated states, regional parliaments, and interparliamentary organizations gathered in Salta, Argentina, for the 9<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of the Parliamentary Confederation of the Americas,**

**And acting upon the recommendation of the Committee on Democracy and Peace:**

**DECLARE** our support for and our solidarity with Colombian society and the democratic institutions of that country in organizing presidential elections next May 30;

**PROPOSE** the dispatch of a COPA electoral observation mission to these elections in Colombia, 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.