



**PARLIAMENTARY CONFEDERATION OF THE AMERICAS
10th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
MAR DEL PLATA, ARGENTINA
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**Recommendation on the dispatch of an electoral
observation mission to Nicaragua**

WHEREAS general elections are to be held in Nicaragua on November 6, 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 these general elections in Nicaragua 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 Mar del Plata, Argentina, for the 10th 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 Nicaraguan society and the democratic institutions of that country in organizing general elections next November 6;

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