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### Committee on Human Rights, Aboriginal Peoples and Citizen Security

#### Resolution

We, the parliamentarians of the Americas gathered in Mar del Plata, Argentina, for the 10th General Assembly of the Parliamentary Confederation of the Americas;

**Knowing** the crucial importance of the Aboriginal Peoples of the Americas, who are part of our history and our culture, and knowing that it is increasingly necessary to protect them and to ensure that their rights are respected;

**Recognizing** the vulnerability of these peoples resulting from the asymmetries that occur internationally as a consequence of globalization, technology and the socio-economic system, for instance, and recognizing the urgency of protecting the rights of our Aboriginal Peoples;

**Aware** of the major challenge posed by the institutionalization and adaptation of mechanisms that serve to guarantee the respect of the rights of these peoples, and wishing to ensure security, justice and freedom through the respect of the rights of Aboriginal Peoples, thereby demonstrating that these peoples are welcome in the Americas;

**Agreeing, in the spirit** of the work undertaken by our parliamentary organization and in particular by the Committee, that only by cooperating and sharing our experiences in matters of security can we make this continent a more just, more democratic and safer place for our populations;

We, the parliamentarians of the Americas gathered at this Assembly and expressing our determination to establish agreements and find answers with respect to the protection of the rights of our Aboriginal Peoples and our nations in general;

## HAVE RESOLVED

**To recognize** our Aboriginal Peoples as first nations of the world, deserving to be welcomed and included in our societies to which they lend a multicultural character through their languages, cultures, beliefs and traditions;

**To work** together to make our national institutions and legal systems truly professional and adapt them to the customs of our Aboriginal Peoples, in order to provide them with a social safety net and ensure the respect of their rights at all times;

**To legislate** politico-administrative mechanisms to raise awareness among the various social actors of the rights of Aboriginal Peoples to be protected and respected;

Considering the unparalleled importance of Aboriginal Peoples and their contribution to our society, **to make** our populations and our governments more aware of the need to stand united in encouraging the expression of values such as cooperation, respect and brotherhood throughout the Americas.

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