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

**Resolution on Arizona SB 1070**

**We, parliamentarians of the Americas**, gathered for an extraordinary General Assembly of the Parliamentary Confederation of the Americas in Querétaro, Mexico:

**Deeply concerned** by recent regional legislation—in particular Arizona State Bill 1070, also known as “the Arizona Bill”—that directly infringes on the human rights of migrants;

**Concerned also** by the support this type of legislation has garnered from other States and countries;

**Recognizing** the international instruments designed to protect migrants, their fundamental rights and their liberty of movement as stipulated in the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families, adopted by the United Nations; Convention 97 on Migration for Employment, adopted by the International Labour Organization; the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations (March 19, 1963); the Declaration on the Human Rights of Individuals who are not Nationals of the Country in which They Live; Convention 143 on Migrant Workers, adopted by the International Labour Organization; and all other treaties and international instruments for the protection of human rights;

**Aware** that the phenomenon of migration raises many difficult issues that give rise to a complex global problem from which the American continent is not exempt;

**Considering** that many of the underlying causes of migration are rooted in the conditions of poverty, lack of personal security and inequality prevalent in migrants' countries of origin, a situation for which our governments are largely responsible;

**Recognizing** the right of States to develop their own migration policies, but voicing nevertheless our concern over any federal, provincial or regional measure of a discriminatory nature and rejecting any provision that fosters xenophobia or racism against individuals or a particular social or national group;

**Agree** that migration is an issue of fundamental importance which must therefore be given priority attention on our agenda at this extraordinary General Assembly.

We parliamentarians, at this extraordinary General Assembly, intent on bringing about profound changes in the system of international migration, therefore

#### **Resolve to**

**1.- Reject** Arizona State Bill 1070 as being in violation of the most basic human rights, since it grants regional and state law enforcement authorities the power to detain any person on the basis of racial profiling and criminalizes undocumented migration, including the hiring, transporting and sheltering of undocumented migrants. In addition, we give voice to the sense of urgency in this matter felt by parliamentarians of the Americas who wish to implement comprehensive immigration reform that fully respects fundamental human rights;

**2.- Support** the lawsuit filed with the United States District Court for the District of Arizona by the Obama Administration on July 6, 2010, which seeks to have Arizona SB 1070 declared unconstitutional and to block its coming into force on July 29 of that year, and support likewise the friend of the court briefs filed with the same court by governments of Latin America and civil liberties associations;

**3.- Oppose** any measures favourable to Arizona SB 1070, now an Arizona State law, that are taken by other states of the United States of America;

**4.- Urge** the parliamentarians present at this extraordinary General Assembly to reject Arizona SB 1070 and to oppose the construction of a wall along the Mexico-US border as constituting an infringement of the human and civil rights of immigrants in the United States;

**5.- Agree** to set up a task force of COPA-member parliamentarians to stimulate discussion, analysis and proposals for regional initiatives with a view to finding solutions to the phenomenon of migration on the American continent;

**6.- Reject** the actions of those who infringe on the human rights of vulnerable groups—in this case, immigrants.

We, parliamentarians of the Americas, meeting as the Parliamentary Confederation of the Americas, agree to send this Resolution, as a friend of the court, to the United States District Court for the District of Arizona, as an official document which rejects Arizona SB 1070 as violating the universal rights of humanity.