

EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY
Parliamentary Confederation of the Americas (COPA)

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General Resolution

We, the parliamentarians of Latin America gathered for an Extraordinary General Assembly of the Parliamentary Confederation of the Americas, are pleased to celebrate the bicentennial of the struggles for independence that gave rise to a number of the nations that make up the Americas today.

Reaffirming the close links, the dialogue and the respect that prevail between the congresses and parliamentary assemblies of the Americas, insisting on the need to work together and share ideas in order to find solutions to our common problems, and with a view to strengthening democracy in the Americas, COPA intends

FIRST, to celebrate the bicentennial of the independence of nine nations of Latin America and together examine our objectives and the means to reinforce sovereignty and the democratic process in each of our nations;

SECOND, to create the legal mechanisms necessary to reinforce the role of the congresses and parliamentary assemblies of the Americas in order to meet the needs of each nation in our Confederation and thereby guarantee the consolidation and enhancement of democracy in the Americas;

THIRD, to acknowledge that the solution to the problems of the Americas does not consist in imposing authoritarian values, but rather in promoting values such as respect, justice and gender equality that will foster the development of the nations of the American continent;

FOURTH, to encourage dialogue and the sharing of experiences between the congresses and parliamentary assemblies of the Americas in order to define the common problems faced by the peoples of the Americas, as well as the solutions available;

FIFTH, to publicize the agreements and resolutions on each subject examined by this Extraordinary General Assembly in order to contribute insofar as possible to the project to make our nations more independent and increase their participation in an ever more interdependent global world;

SIXTH, to undertake, with the help of COPA legislators, to honour our sister nations and combine our efforts to preserve the ideals of liberty and justice that, since the creation of our nation-states, have mobilized and inspired our countries.