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Resolution

We, the parliamentarians of the Americas now gathered in Québec City, Canada, for the 11th General Assembly of the Parliamentary Confederation of the Americas:

Recognizing the importance of the aboriginal peoples of the Americas to our history and culture, we, the parliamentary members of COPA, recognize the need to redouble our efforts to safeguard the security and human rights of aboriginal peoples in the Americas.

Acknowledging the vulnerability of aboriginal peoples in an era of increasing international disparities, attributable in particular to globalization, to the increased use of technology and to the socio-economic system.

Recognizing the challenge of creating and establishing mechanisms that guarantee respect for aboriginal peoples and safeguard their rights, and of completing the work that remains to be done to ensure the recognition of our roots.

Emphasizing that cooperation and communicating the initiatives implemented in each country are essential to our work on behalf of aboriginal peoples and the respect for their rights.

Resolutions

Recognize aboriginal groups as indigenous peoples of the Americas and as an integral part of our societies, by promoting their contribution to cultural diversity through their languages, cultures, beliefs and traditions.

Work in a coordinated and restricting fashion across the Americas to develop laws that support the professionalization and adaptation of national legal institutions and systems to the customs and practices of aboriginal peoples, so as to protect their human rights and related social safeguards and to ensure that the identity and culture of these peoples are respected.

Adopt laws that foster the creation of political and administrative mechanisms that allow stakeholders in society to take concrete action to protect and respect the human rights of aboriginal peoples.

Urge our governments to promote cooperation, respect and peaceful coexistence, and to put in place programs that endeavour to preserve the practices and customs of aboriginal peoples.

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