



**PARLIAMENTARY CONFEDERATION OF THE AMERICAS
12th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
BRASILIA, BRAZIL
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**Recommendation on the dispatch of an electoral
observation mission to Colombia**

WHEREAS the first round of the presidential election is to be held in Colombia on May 25, 2014;

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 this first round of the presidential election in Colombia is 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 Brasilia, Brazil, for the 12th 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 Colombian society and the democratic institutions of that country in organizing the first round of the presidential election next May 25;

PROPOSE the dispatch of a COPA electoral observation mission to this election in Colombia, 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.