



**13th GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PARLIAMENTARY CONFEDERATION OF THE AMERICAS
(COPA)**

**Asunción, Paraguay
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Resolution asking the World Health Organization (WHO) to invest funds in and focus its efforts on producing dengue and chikungunya vaccines and medication, in keeping with the concept of preventive medicine

CONSIDERING that it is WHO's duty to help States prevent and fight diseases affecting humankind;

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT that, for many years, the dengue virus and, more recently, the chikungunya virus have affected the Caribbean, North, Central American and South American States;

KNOWING that these two viruses have caused deaths in a number of States;

RECOGNIZING that these diseases have triggered epidemics in various States and negatively impact their economies;

WE, the parliamentarians of the Americas gathered in Asunción, Paraguay, for the General Assembly of the Parliamentary Confederation of the Americas;

RENEW our commitment to the principles of preventive medicine;

URGE WHO and the Pan-American Health Organization (PHO) to invest funds in and focus its efforts on producing dengue and chikungunya vaccines and medication;

RECOMMEND that COPA member States support this resolution and dialogue directly with WHO;

CALL UPON WHO and PHO, so that a program can be implemented quickly to produce vaccines and medication to prevent dengue and chikungunya.

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