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Committee on Health and Social Protection

RESOLUTION ON THE EBOLA VIRUS DISEASE

Considering that the Ebola outbreak started in the summer of 2014 in West Africa and has already claimed more than 4,900 lives;

Aware that Ebola is a serious disease with a death rate that can reach 90% in humans;

Knowing that, at this time, there is no licensed specific vaccine or treatment to stem the disease;

Aware that the spread of the Ebola virus has continued to accelerate and that international health authorities won't be able to bring an end to the epidemic in the short term;

Taking into account that, in its resolution S/2014/2177 adopted on September 18th 2014, the UN Security Council determined that the unprecedented extent of the Ebola outbreak in Africa constitutes a threat to international peace and security;

Taking into account the information released by the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) in August 2014 on the implications of the introduction of the Ebola virus disease in the Americas;

WE, parliamentarians of the Americas, meeting in Asunción, Paraguay, on the occasion of the General Assembly of the Parliamentary Confederation of the Americas:

Express our solidarity with the peoples of Africa who are affected by the fatal Ebola epidemic;

Commit to remain vigilant as regards the potential introduction of Ebola on the continent and to release public health messages to raise awareness among the population and, more specifically, among health care providers and school authorities, in preparation for such a possibility;

Call for the strengthening of standard precautions to prevent and control infections in health care facilities at all levels;

Invite the governments of the States of the Americas to provide technical and financial support in the fight against the Ebola virus in Africa.

Resolution adopted during the 13th General Assembly of COPA, held in Asunción, Paraguay, from November 3 to 5, 2014.