



PARLIAMENTARY CONFEDERATION OF THE AMERICAS (COPA)

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Declaration on the Integration of Public Policies in the Americas

Considering that the health of our populations—defined as a state of complete physical, mental and social well-being—is one of the fundamental rights of every human being and an essential condition for the development of our nations;

Knowing that public health problems transcend borders;

Given that the COPA Committee on Health and Social Protection has studied different public policy models in the Americas over the past few years;

We, the parliamentarians of the Americas, gathered in Guanajuato, Mexico for the 14th General Assembly of the Parliamentary Confederation of the Americas and the 13th Annual Meeting of the Network of Women Parliamentarians of the Americas:

Reiterate our commitment to cooperating in efforts to share best practices, knowledge and data in order to maximize the impact of our public health policies;

Encourage the use of international forums, such as the COPA Committee on Health and Social Protection, to facilitate our collaboration;

Urge the governments of the States of the Americas to comply with the international and regional health standards enacted by such lead organizations as the World Health Organization (WHO).

Adopted by the General Assembly of COPA, on September 11, 2015, in Guanajuato, Mexico