

## COPA delegation to observe the first round of the Peruvian general elections of April 10

Lima, April 6, 2016 – A **Parliamentary Confederation of the Americas** (COPA) delegation arrived today in Peru to observe the first round of the April 10 general election. Member of the National Assembly of Québec Jean-François Lisée is leading the electoral observation mission, which will be on site from April 6 to 11, 2016.

28 parliamentarians from the Chamber of Deputies of the province of Salta (Argentina), the Chamber of Deputies of the Province of Santa Fe (Argentina), the Chamber of Senators of the Plurinational Legislative Assembly of Bolivia, the Chamber of Deputies of the Plurinational Legislative Assembly of Bolivia, the Chamber of Deputies of the Plurinational Legislative Assembly of Bolivia, the Legislative Assembly of the State of Ceara (Brazil), the Legislative Assembly of the State of Espirito Santo (Brazil), the Legislative Assembly of the Federal District (Brazil), the Legislative Assemble of the State of Sergipe (Brazil), the Legislative Assembly of the State of Santa Catarina (Brazil), the National Assembly of Quebec (Canada), the National Conference of State Legislatures (USA), the National Assembly of Haiti, the National Assembly of Panama and the Legislative Assemble of Salvador and 8 advisors will take part in the mission.

Invited by Peru's *Jurado Nacional de Elecciones* as an international electoral observer, the COPA delegation will cover polling station operations on election day in the area of the capital city, Lima.

The delegation will also meet with key actors in the electoral process. The heads of public bodies, as well as civil society organizations and international organizations will be among those consulted by the COPA delegation. Following the mission, the delegation will present a report on its observations to the Peruvian electoral authorities and to COPA authorities.

This is the sixteenth such mission for COPA. By taking an increasingly active role in election monitoring throughout the Americas, COPA has established its strategic importance in the consolidation of democracy.

Founded in Québec City in 1997, the Parliamentary Confederation of the Americas brings together over 300 parliamentary assemblies of unitary, federal and federated states, as well as the regional parliaments and interparliamentary organizations of the Americas. For additional information on previous COPA electoral observation missions, please visit the following website: <u>www.copa.qc.ca</u>.

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