



**PARLIAMENTARY CONFEDERATION OF THE AMERICAS
31ST EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
ARACAJU, BRAZIL**

June 1-3, 2016

**Recommendation on the dispatch of an electoral
observation mission to Ecuador**

WHEREAS the first round of the legislative and presidential elections are to be held in Ecuador on February 19, 2017;

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 these elections are particularly significant for the community of the Americas;

WE, members of the Executive Committee of COPA, gathered in Aracaju, Brazil, for the 31st Executive Committee Meeting 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 Ecuadorian society and the democratic institutions of that country in organizing the first round of the legislative and presidential elections next February 19;

PROPOSE the dispatch of a COPA electoral observation mission to these elections in Ecuador, 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.