



**Meeting of the Executive Committee of COPA and
the Network of Women Parliamentarians of the Americas**

San José, Costa Rica

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WE, parliamentarians of the Americas meeting in San José, Costa Rica, from March 6 to 8, 2012, as part of the 24th Meeting of the Executive Committee of COPA and the Network of Women Parliamentarians of the Americas:

ECHO the declarations made in recent days by various regional and biregional forums, such as the Ibero-American Summit, the Group of 77 and China, the Heads of State and Government of the member countries of UNASUR, the Presidents of MERCOSUR countries and associated states and the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC), which expressed decisive support for the Argentinian position;

REITERATE that it is in the long-term interest of the countries in the region that the governments of the Argentine Republic and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland restart negotiations to find a pacific and definitive solution to the dispute as quickly as possible;

EMPHASIZE the importance of complying with the provisions of resolutions 2065 (XX), 3160 (XXVIII), 31/49, 37/9, 38/12, 39/6, 40/21, 41/40, 42/19 and 43/25 of the United Nations General Assembly, which earnestly invite the two parties to resume negotiations, within the framework of the UN Charter and International Law, in accordance with the recommendations of the United Nations Special Committee on Decolonization, and to abstain from making decisions that would introduce unilateral changes to the situation, for as long as the Falkland Islands are undergoing the process recommended by the General Assembly;

EXPRESS our concern regarding the violation of the Zone of Peace (UN General Assembly Resolution 41/11, 1986) by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland by way of an extraregional military presence and the presence of nuclear weapons in the South Atlantic;

COMMEND the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland for its expressed intention to refer to the European Union for information on the events surrounding the recent controversy between the two countries, and support the proposal by Argentina that the European Union and UNASUR examine the question of the Falkland Islands;

REITERATE the importance of complying with the United Nations General Assembly's resolutions requesting the two parties to abstain from making decisions that would introduce unilateral changes to the situation, while the Falkland Islands are undergoing the process recommended by the General Assembly.