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Science and Technology  
October 12, 2016

**RESOLUTION ON “PROTECTING AND PROMOTING CULTURE IN THE AMERICAS”**

**WHEREAS** values like identity and respect for cultural diversity are forged through education;

**CONSIDERING** that culture is essential to the genuine development of both individuals and society, and that cultural policies are required in order to protect, stimulate and enrich each people's cultural heritage and identity;

**KNOWING** the importance of implementing cultural policies for appreciating cultural minorities and all other cultures around the world and showing them the utmost respect;

**KNOWING** that humanity is poorer when a given group's culture is ignored or destroyed;

**CONSIDERING** that a democratic cultural policy would allow all communities to benefit from artistic excellence and that cultural and social conditions must be defined to facilitate, stimulate and ensure artistic and intellectual creation without political, ideological, economic or social discrimination;

**KNOWING** that it is essential to recover the deep-seated meaning and human import of development and that new social and political models will be found in the fields of culture and education;

**We, the representatives of the congresses and parliamentary assemblies of the unitary, federal, federated and associated States, regional parliaments and interparliamentary organizations, gathered in the city of Salta, Argentina on October 12, 2016 for the meeting of the COPA Committee on Education, Culture, Science and Technology;**

**Acting on the recommendation of the Committee on Education, Culture, Science and Technology;**

**REITERATE** our international commitments to maintaining, promoting and preserving cultural diversity in the Americas;

**URGE** the governments of the Americas to strengthen mechanisms aimed at making cultural policy a key component of development policy;

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**PLEDGE** to promote creativity and participation in cultural life;

**PLEDGE** to restructure public policies so as to ensure that heritage is preserved, be it tangible or intangible, movable or immovable, and its importance further emphasized;

**URGE** the governments of the Americas to promote cultural and linguistic diversity both within and outside their borders;

**URGE** local, federal and state governments to implement additional human and financial resources in order to promote, preserve and develop culture;

**RECOMMEND** that all parliamentarians who attended the 15th COPA General Assembly follow up on this recommendation in all parliamentary assemblies of the Americas and in all committees responsible for education within these assemblies to ensure that special attention is paid to maintaining, promoting and preserving cultural diversity in the Americas.

**Adopted by the General Assembly of COPA on October 14, 2016, in the city of Salta, Argentina.**



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