

Report

Over 60 parliamentarians representing their respective assemblies gathered at the invitation of the Central American Parliament. The members of the Committee agreed on guiding principles setting the objectives and rules of operation of the Conference that would be presented at the General Assembly for approval. According to the principles, the Conference is now composed of a General Assembly, which meets at regular intervals, an Executive Committee, and a permanent secretariat.

It was also agreed that the Conference should remain a flexible forum, and that it should continue to be based on fundamental principles, namely the **pluralism** of the delegations, **autonomy** from the executive authorities and **representativity** through the participation not only of the Parliaments of unitary and federal States, but also of those of the Federated States and Regional parliaments. The Steering Committee was dissolved, having fulfilled its mandate, namely the establishment of the Conference on a permanent basis and the preparation of the guiding principles. A provisional Executive Committee composed of some twenty parliamentarians from the five regions of the Americas was elected in order to prepare the next General Assembly and to coordinate the activities of the organization until the event takes place.

Finally, the participants congratulated the Central American Parliament for its warm reception and for the irreproachable quality of the event.