

Report

At their meeting at the National Assembly of Quebec, the members of the Conference Executive Committee began preparations for the Second General Assembly of the Conference. They approved the bid of the Legislative Assembly of Puerto Rico to host the event from July 19 to 23, 2000. Mr. Kenneth McClintock, Senator of Puerto Rico, will assume the Presidency of the Conference until the end of the next General Assembly. The General Assembly will last two days and will deal with the theme of the fight against poverty in the context of the integration of the Americas. It will be preceded by the meeting of the Executive Committee and by that of the Network of Women Parliamentarians of the Americas.

The members of the Conference Executive Committee also examined the conclusions of the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Network of Women Parliamentarians of the Americas. The next annual meeting of the Network will deal with the theme of the participation of women in democratic assemblies and on that of education and job training. The Network's constitution will be adopted on that occasion.

Finally, the Executive Committee was pleased with the progress of the deliberations of the Inter-American Research Chair on parliamentary approaches to the process of continental integration, in which the College of the Americas and the Parliamentary Conference of the Americas are collaborating, and the first conclusions of which will be presented at the General Assembly in Puerto Rico.