



**COPA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
Mexico City, Mexico
March 2, 2006**

**Resolution on the creation of a single organization responsible
for interparliamentary dialog in the Americas**

WHEREAS the creation of a single inter-American interparliamentary organization would help strengthen interparliamentary dialog in the Americas and contribute to the official recognition of an interparliamentary organization by executive authorities of the Americas;

WHEREAS in the final declaration of the COPA General Assembly held in Foz do Iguaçu, Brazil, on May 7 to 11, 2005, the 203 parliamentarians in attendance agreed to “recommend that hemispheric interparliamentary dialog take place at a single organization, and as such bring FIPA and COPA closer, and direct the Executive Committee to consider all appropriate means of achieving this objective”;

WHEREAS a meeting was held on May 19, 2005, in Brasilia between outgoing COPA president Maria José da Conceição Maninha and FIPA president Céline Hervieux-Payette during which avenues for cooperation between the two organizations were discussed;

WHEREAS inter-American interparliamentary dialog must include the congresses and parliamentary assemblies of unitary, federal, and federated states, as well as regional parliaments and interparliamentary organizations of the Americas;

We, the members of the Executive Committee of the Parliamentary Confederation of the Americas meeting in Mexico City, Mexico, on March 2, 2006, hereby

INITIATE an official dialog between FIPA and COPA with a view to creating a single organization responsible for interparliamentary dialog in the Americas, and to this effect, mandate the current and former COPA presidents, acting parliamentarians, and the three secretariats to submit a report to the Executive Committee at each of its meetings.