



**Meeting of the Executive Committee of the
Parliamentary Confederation of the Americas (COPA)**

**Los Angeles, California, United States
June 23, 2007**

RESOLUTION ON MIGRATION

We, members of the Executive Committee of the Parliamentary Confederation of the Americas, which brings together the congresses and parliamentary assemblies of the unitary, federal, federated and associated States, the regional parliaments and the interparliamentary organizations of the Americas, gathered in Los Angeles, California, United States, on June 23 and 24, 2007, and pursuant to the deliberations of the said meeting, agree on the following:

Concerned that the policies or lack of migratory policies of some countries may have a negative impact on relations between States in a globalized world, while recognizing the sovereignty of each State to pass laws that its population wants;

Emphasizing that we advocate for laws that do not support the preconceived idea that foreigners deprive, and that based on this premise, these laws build walls along borders or, without due consideration, promote discriminatory conditions within the population, but that, on the contrary, contribute to citizen policy development;

Approve Resolution AP/4-CXC-2007 adopted by the Central American Parliament on the occasion of plenary assembly session number 190, conducted in Panama City on April 18, 2007.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. **Migratory policies** should recognize that human beings move and migrate by nature, in other words, that their mobility is inevitable.
2. **These policies** should cover the different stages of the migratory process and, in particular, consider the need to allow for the legalization of the maximum number of immigrants that is permitted by legislation and unconditionally respect the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

3. **Be it recognized that**, as migration falls within federal jurisdiction in the United States, we urge the government of this country to take immediate action to prevent states and municipalities from adopting migratory legislation before the United States Congress has passed legislation on this issue.
4. **The Committee urges** the Congress of the United States of America to conclude as soon as possible the debate on the different proposals presented with regard to this issue, while recognizing that what is approved will significantly influence relations between Latin America and the United States of America. The final agreement shall provide for financial support to the States to ensure the implementation of the adopted policy.