



Delegation of representatives of the Americas to observe the conduct of the Guatemalan elections

Guatemala, September 5, 2007 – Parliamentarians from the **Parliamentary Confederation of the Americas** (COPA) arrived today in Guatemala to observe the presidential and legislative elections on September 9. Mr. Jean-François Roux, a member of the Québec National Assembly and chair of COPA's Democracy and Peace Committee, will head up the electoral observation mission in Guatemala from September 5 to 10. More than twenty parliamentarians from Argentina, Brazil, Mexico, Surinam, and Venezuela are also taking part in this mission.

Invited by the Supreme Electoral Tribunal of Guatemala to act as observers of the electoral process, the COPA parliamentarians will cover the maximum possible number of polling stations in Guatemala's capital city, on election day. The delegation will also meet with representatives of the institutions and organizations conducting the election. Candidates, as well as the heads of political parties and civil society organizations will be among those consulted by the COPA delegation.

At the conclusion of the electoral mission a report highlighting the observations of the parliamentarians from the Americas will be tabled with COPA. It will thus be possible to peruse the observations recorded during the election. For additional information on previous COPA electoral observation missions, please visit the following website: www.copa.qc.ca.

Founded in Québec City in 1997, the Parliamentary Confederation of the Americas (COPA) brings together over 300 parliamentary assemblies of unitary, federal, federated, and associated states, as well as the regional parliaments and interparliamentary organizations of the Americas. By taking an increasingly active role in election monitoring throughout the Americas, COPA has established its strategic importance in the consolidation of democracy.

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