



### **COPA delegation to observe the Mexican legislative elections**

Mexico, June 30, 2009 – A **Parliamentary Confederation of the Americas (COPA)** delegation arrived today in Mexico to observe the July 5<sup>th</sup> legislative elections. The member of the National Assembly of Québec and Chair of COPA's Committee on democracy and Peace, Jean-Martin Aussant, will lead the electoral observation mission from July 1<sup>st</sup> to 6.

Invited by Mexico's Federal Electoral Institute as international observers, the COPA delegation will cover polling station operations on Election Day in the Federal District of Mexico and in the city of Toluca.

The delegation will also meet with key actors in the electoral process. The representatives of political parties and the heads of a number of public bodies and civil society organizations will be among those consulted by the COPA delegation. Following the mission, a report of their observations will be presented to the Mexican electoral authorities and to COPA authorities.

This is the 9<sup>th</sup> such mission for COPA. By taking an increasingly active role in election monitoring throughout the Americas, COPA has established its strategic importance in the consolidation of democracy. COPA has particularly observed the Mexican presidential and legislative elections of July 2006.

Founded in Québec City in 1997, the Parliamentary Confederation of the Americas brings together over 300 parliamentary assemblies of unitary, federal and federated states, as well as the regional parliaments and interparliamentary organizations of the Americas. For additional information on previous COPA electoral observation missions, please visit the following website: [www.copa.qc.ca](http://www.copa.qc.ca).

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