



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

**Cancún, Quintana Roo, Mexico  
March 15, 2008**

**RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE COLUMBIA-ECUADOR CRISIS**

Concerned about the situation caused by the presence, in several countries of the hemisphere, of irregular forces that undermine the self-determination and sovereignty of States;

Considering the crisis brought about by the raid conducted by the Armed Forces of Columbia against a clandestine FARC camp on Ecuadorian soil;

Condemning all use of armed force against the territorial integrity and the sovereignty of a country; and

Condemning all forcible confinement, by armed groups, of parliamentarians and private individuals, as in the case of Ingrid Bétancourt,

The Executive Committee hereby resolves to create a monitoring group within COPA charged with observing how the OAS will be dealing with this issue. Among other things, this group will be able to propose measures to the Executive Committee that could help prevent the recurrence of situations such as the one that has transpired between Ecuador and Columbia.