



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

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

**RESOLUTION ON THE DISPATCH OF  
AN ELECTORAL OBSERVATION MISSION TO PARAGUAY**

**WHEREAS** general elections are to be held in Paraguay on April 20, 2008;

**WHEREAS** the participation of parliamentarians from COPA in multilateral electoral observation missions is a matter of priority in order to attain its objective of contributing to the strengthening of parliamentary democracy and to the edification of a community of the Americas founded upon respect for human rights and dignity, peace, democracy, solidarity among peoples, social justice, and equity between women and men;

**WHEREAS** COPA has received on February 12, 2008 an invitation from the President of the Superior Tribunal of Electoral Justice of Paraguay to set up a delegation of COPA parliamentarians to participate in an electoral observation mission in Paraguay ;

***We, members of the Executive Committee of the Parliamentary Confederation of the Americas gathered in Cancun, Quintana Roo, Mexico, on this fifteenth day of March 2008,***

**DECLARE** our support for and our solidarity with Paraguayan society and the democratic institutions of that country in organizing general elections next April 20;

**PROPOSE** the dispatch of a COPA electoral observation mission to the general elections in Paraguay, with due respect for the national sovereignty of that country;

**PLEDGE OURSELVES**, in forming a delegation of parliamentarians from the Americas, to uphold the principles of regional balance and political pluralism and in making sure that the observation mission will carry out its task in an independent and impartial manner as stipulated in the By-laws of COPA Electoral Observation Missions.

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