



COPA Electoral Observation mission

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Mexico, June 8th 2015 – A delegation of the **Parliamentary Confederation of the Americas (COPA)**, headed by Mr. Richard Merlini, Member of the National Assembly of Québec , observed the general elections of June 7th 2015.

On election day, the members of the delegation went to the capital, Mexico, and to the Mexico State, among others in the city of Tlanepantla, in order to observe balloting in almost eighty polling stations. In spite of a few notifications, the members of the delegation noted that the electoral process was respected and that the vote was held in an orderly way. In addition, delegation members emphasized the citizens' civic-mindedness. Lastly, the delegation's members noted the transparency, availability and excellent work of the electoral staff of the National Electoral Institute of Mexico, particularly with respect to the successful implementation of the elements of the electoral reform of 2014.

Upon arriving on June 3th, and in addition to the electoral observation conducted in the polling stations, the members of the COPA delegation held important meetings with the authorities of the running political parties, leading authorities of the National Electoral Institute, as well as with representatives from the civil society, all with the aim of obtaining information on the politico-electoral situation prevailing in the country. A full report on the mission will be prepared and sent to Mexican's electoral authorities.

This was the 15th electoral observation mission by the COPA which has established its strategic importance in the consolidation of democracy by taking an increasingly active role in election monitoring throughout the Americas. Founded in Québec City in 1997, this organisation brings together over 300 parliamentary assemblies of unitary, federal and federated states, as well as the regional parliaments and interparliamentary organizations of the Americas.

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