



## **Delegation of members of Parliament of the Americas to observe the gubernatorial election in the State of Mexico**

Toluca de Lerdo, June 29, 2011 – Parliamentarians representing the **Parliamentary Confederation of the Americas** (COPA) arrived today in Mexico to observe the July 3 gubernatorial election in the State of Mexico from June 29 to July 4, 2011.

An estimated 30 parliamentarians from different congresses of Argentina, the National Assembly of Québec (Canada), the Senate of the Republic of Colombia, the Chamber of Senators of the Republic of Paraguay, the Legislative Assembly of Salvador, the Legislative Assembly of Costa Rica, the Central American Parliament (Parlacen), the Senate of Uruguay, the Congress of the Republic of Guatemala, the National Assembly of Suriname and the Regional Legislative Council of the State of Anzoátegui (Venezuela) will also take part in the mission.

Invited by the Electoral Institute of the State of Mexico as international observers, the COPA parliamentarians will cover as many polling stations as possible on election day. The delegation will also meet with key actors in the electoral process in order to be better positioned to assess election organization. Candidates and representatives of civil society and public organizations will be among those consulted by the COPA delegation. Following the mission, the parliamentarians will present a report of their observations to the Mexican electoral authorities.

This is the 12th 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.

Founded in Québec City in 1997, COPA 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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