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**XIIIth EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
OF THE PARLIAMENTARY CONFEDERATION OF THE AMERICAS (COPA)
MEXICO CITY, MEXICO
MARCH 1-2, 2006**

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

All day	Arrival of participants at Mexico City International Airport
	Transfer of participants from Mexico City to Puebla

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1

NETWORK OF WOMEN PARLIAMENTARIANS MEETING

Location: *Barroco* room of the Autonomous University of Puebla
Address: calle 4 Sur, No. 104 – Antigua del Espiritu Santo, Centro, Puebla



9:30 – 12:00	Conference series: "Human trafficking—an international challenge"
12:00 – 2:00	Opening ceremony of the Network Executive Committee meeting Network Executive Committee meeting
2:00 – 3:00	Lunch offered by the University of Puebla
3:00 – 7:00	Resumption of the Network Executive Committee meeting Remaining parliamentarians arrive during the day
5:00	Meeting of COPA's three Secretariats Location: To be determined
8:00	Welcome cocktail offered by the government of the State of Puebla Location: Camino Real Hotel Address : 7 Poniente No. 105, Centro Histórico, Puebla

THURSDAY, MARCH 2

8:00	Transfer of participants from Puebla to Mexico City
10:30	Reception at the Chamber of Deputies of the Federal Congress of Mexico
11:00	OPENING CEREMONY Location: <i>Legisladores de la Republica</i> room Building A, 2 nd floor, Legislative Complex



11:30 Visit of the Parliamentarians at the *Plenos* room
 (Welcoming remarks by the Speaker of the Chamber of Deputies, to the COPA Parliamentarians.)

12:00 **FIRST WORKING SESSION—EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

Location: *Protocolos* room
 Building C, 1st floor, Legislative Complex

AGENDA (DRAFT)

- Welcoming remarks by Dep. Martha Hilda González Calderón, Executive Secretary of COPA, to COPA president and Executive Committee members
- Role call and quorum, reading of the agenda
- Opening of the executive committee meeting, by the COPA president, Mr. Guillermo Landázuri Carillo
- Reading and review of the minutes of the executive committee meeting held August 18, 2005, in Quito, Ecuador
- COPA mission report from the Summit of the Americas in Mar del Plata, Argentina. Discussion and approbation of the Election of the 1st Vice-President
- COPA financial report by the treasurer, Ms. Leticia Gutiérrez Corona, Deputy

- Activity reports by the three COPA secretariats
 1. Mexico's Executive Secretariat – Ms. Martha Hilda González Calderón
 2. Québec's Secretariat – Mr. Pierre Moreau
 3. Brazil's Secretariat – Ms. Maria José Maninha

- COPA action program for 2006 by COPA president Guillermo Landázuri Carrillo

3:00 Lunch offered by the Chamber of Deputies
 Location: Hall of Building E

4:30 – 7:00 **SECOND WORKING SESSION: RESUMPTION OF WORK**

- Presentation of a working plan in preparation for the 7th COPA General Assembly in May 2006 in Quito, Ecuador
- Choice of working themes and nomination of COPA thematic working committee board members in preparation for 7th General Assembly
- Reporting on the election observation mission in Bolivia by Mr. Eric R. Mercier, Chair of the Committee on Democracy and Peace
- Discussion of COPA's position regarding construction of a wall between Mexico and the United States
- Adoption of documents and resolutions

- Other business

8:00 Dinner (free)



FRIDAY, MARCH 3

8:00

COURTESY VISIT BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MEXICO, MR. ENRIQUE PEÑA NIETO

Location: To be determined

Tourism options

- Visit of the pyramids of Teotihuacan (departure from the hotel) and/or
- Tour of Mexico City by bus and/or
- Guided visits of Mexico City's Museum of Anthropology and/or
- Free day

SATURDAY, MARCH 4

All day

Departure of participants



**COPA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
Mexico City, Mexico
March 2, 2006**

**Recommendation on ratification of
the UNESCO convention on cultural diversity**

CONVINCED that cultural products and services play an essential role in the identity and plurality of a society and the wellbeing of its members;

NOTING that the COPA General Assembly adopted a recommendation on cultural diversity in the Americas at its meeting in Foz do Iguaçu, Brazil, in May 2005;

WHEREAS the Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions was adopted by UNESCO in October 2005, and thirty states must ratify it for it to be implemented;

WHEREAS parliaments and parliamentarians must play a key role in ensuring that this Convention enters into force and is implemented;

WHEREAS a single state of the Americas, Canada, has ratified it to date;

We, the members of the Executive Committee of the Parliamentary Confederation of the Americas meeting in Mexico City, Mexico, on March 2, 2006,

REITERATE that cultural diversity is a source of great wealth for our societies and that respect for and value of this diversity contributes to social cohesion and the development of our nations;

NOTE that each people has a right to ensure that no trade liberalization rules jeopardize its ability to promote its own culture and identity;

CALL ON the states of the Americas to ratify, accept, and approve this Convention, or abide by it as soon as possible in accordance with their respective constitutional procedures.



**COPA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
Mexico City, Mexico
March 2, 2006**

**Resolution on the creation of a single organization responsible
for interparliamentary dialog in the Americas**

WHEREAS the creation of a single inter-American interparliamentary organization would help strengthen interparliamentary dialog in the Americas and contribute to the official recognition of an interparliamentary organization by executive authorities of the Americas;

WHEREAS in the final declaration of the COPA General Assembly held in Foz do Iguaçu, Brazil, on May 7 to 11, 2005, the 203 parliamentarians in attendance agreed to “recommend that hemispheric interparliamentary dialog take place at a single organization, and as such bring FIPA and COPA closer, and direct the Executive Committee to consider all appropriate means of achieving this objective”;

WHEREAS a meeting was held on May 19, 2005, in Brasilia between outgoing COPA president Maria José da Conceição Maninha and FIPA president Céline Hervieux-Payette during which avenues for cooperation between the two organizations were discussed;

WHEREAS inter-American interparliamentary dialog must include the congresses and parliamentary assemblies of unitary, federal, and federated states, as well as regional parliaments and interparliamentary organizations of the Americas;

We, the members of the Executive Committee of the Parliamentary Confederation of the Americas meeting in Mexico City, Mexico, on March 2, 2006, hereby

INITIATE an official dialog between FIPA and COPA with a view to creating a single organization responsible for interparliamentary dialog in the Americas, and to this effect, mandate the current and former COPA presidents, acting parliamentarians, and the three secretariats to submit a report to the Executive Committee at each of its meetings.