

Under the theme of "Improving the economic rights of women in the Americas", the first Annual Meeting of the Network was held the day before the General Assembly of the COPA, namely on July 20, 2000. On that occasion, some 45 women delegates from legislative assemblies throughout the hemisphere adopted the Network's Constitution, defined its axes of intervention and took part in a workshop led by two experts, Ms. Yakin Ertürk, Director of the United Nations Division for the Advancement of Women, and Ms. Gloria Rodriguez, President of MAPA Communications. Representatives of international organizations devoted to the status of women also participated in the event.