



**IV ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
NETWORK OF WOMEN PARLIAMENTARIANS OF THE AMERICAS**

**Caracas, Venezuela
November 24, 2003**

***RECOMMENDATION CONCERNING GAIA,
THE DOCUMENT DATABANK ON GENDER BUDGETS***

At its annual meeting on November 24, 2003, in Caracas, Venezuela, the Network of Women Parliamentarians of the Americas,

RECOGNIZING that gender budgets constitute a priority of action to ensure the access of women to equality;

WHEREAS the Executive Committee of the Network of Women Parliamentarians of the Americas has committed itself to developing training tools for women parliamentarians;

WHEREAS the Secretariat of the Network of Women Parliamentarians of the Americas followed up this commitment by putting together a virtual document databank on gender budgets available on the website of the Parliamentary Confederation of the Americas (COPA): www.copa.qc.ca/gaia;

WHEREAS the resources invested in the development of this document databank;

WHEREAS a document databank is a work that must be continuously updated;

RECOMMEND continuing to update the GAIA Document Databank of the Network of Women Parliamentarians of the Americas;

REQUEST that the parliamentarians of the Americas regularly contribute to it by sending references on pieces of legislation, initiatives and projects concerning gender budgets to the following e-mail address : copa@assnat.qc.ca;

ENCOURAGE the parliamentarians to maintain a linguistic equilibrium within this document databank so that it reflects the different experiences carried out in the Americas and so that the parliamentarians of the Americas find their way through and identify with this tool.