



**MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE NETWORK
OF WOMEN PARLIAMENTARIANS OF THE AMERICAS**

**San Juan, Puerto Rico
September 24, 2004**

**RESOLUTION REGARDING THE GRANTING OF VISAS
TO PARLIAMENTARIANS VISITING THE UNITED STATES**

WHEREAS

- 1) The meetings held by the various committees of COPA and the Network of Women Parliamentarians of the Americas are of key importance in facilitating the sharing of ideas aimed at improving the quality of life for inhabitants of the Americas and the Caribbean;
- 2) All Network and COPA members have the legitimate right to attend all Network and COPA meetings, regardless of their location;

WE RECOGNIZE THAT

- 1) Each country has the power and the right to grant or refuse access to whomever it wishes;
- 2) Network and COPA members have been denied the authorization to attend meetings for not having obtained a U.S. visa;

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED

That the Executive Committee of the Network ask COPA, in accordance with the wishes of participants at this event, to submit an official written request to the U.S. State Department asking it to grant, under some form of diplomatic immunity, visas to elected members of a Parliament or Legislative Assembly wishing to enter the United States to attend an official meeting of COPA, the Network of Women Parliamentarians of the Americas, or any committee of either of these organizations.