

PARLIAMENTARY CONFEDERATION OF THE AMERICAS - COPA

JUNE 22 TO 25, 2007

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, UNITED STATES

THEME: "MIGRATION, TRADE, AND DEVELOPMENT"

THURSDAY, JUNE 21

All day Arrival of the Women Network's parliamentarians in Los Angeles, California

Transit to the hotel

FRIDAY, JUNE 22

MEETING OF THE NETWORK OF WOMEN PARLIAMENT ARIANS

Place: to be determined

9.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon Meeting of the Network Executive Committee

12.00 noon to 1.30 p.m. Lunch: Exchange between the Network and participating women parliamentarians

from the United States

Lunch offered by the NHCSL, the William C. Velásquez Institute and the

Salvadoran American National Association

2.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. WORKING SESSION (Open to all parliamentarians)

Part I – "Migration and Human Trafficking"

Moderator: **Deputy Zulma Gomez** (Chamber of Deputies of Paraguay)

Speakers:

 Senator Leticia Van de Putte (Senate of Texas), President of the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL)

• Senator Sheila Kuehl (California State Senate)

Ms. Kay Buck, Executive Director, Coalition to Abolish Slavery and

The field in (CAST)

Trafficking (CAST)

• Ms. Angelica Salas, Executive Director, Coalition for Humane

Immigrant Rights of Los Angeles (CHIRLA)

• Ms. Patricia Lucila González Rodríguez, Attorney General, State

of Chihuahua, Mexico

5.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m. Meeting of the COPA Secretariats: Brazil, Québec, and Mexico

ALL DAY Arrival of the other Executive Committee member parliamentarians



SATURDAY, JUNE 23

9.00 a.m. to 9.45 a.m.

OPENING CEREMONY

- Senator Jorge Pizarro Soto (Senate of Chile) President of the Latin-American Parliament (Parlatino)
- Representative Félix Ortiz (New York State Assembly) President of the NHCSL and COPA Vice-President – North America
- Representative Fabian Nuñez Speaker of the California State Assembly
- Senator Carlos Jiménez Macías (Senate of Mexico) COPA President

9.45 a.m. to 9.50 a.m.

Official photograph

9.50 a.m. to 10.00 a.m.

Press Conference

10.00 a.m.

WORKING SESSION I: "MIGRATION"

 Moderator: Deputy Iván Valente (Federal Congress of Brazil) – Chair, Committee on Human Rights, Aboriginal Peoples, and Citizen Security

LECTURE

- Senator Jorge Pizarro President of the Latin-American Parliament
- Dr. Jorge Bustamente UNO Special Rapporteur on Human Rights of Migrants
- Ethnologist José Manuel del Val Blanco, Director of UNAM's Program "Mexico Multicultural Nation" who will discuss :The Multicultural Character of the Americas"
- Participation of Senator Carlos Jiménez Macías COPA President
- Question period
- Testimony of a migrant
- Speeches by special guests on this theme

2.00 p.m. to 3.15 p.m.

Lunch offered by the NHCSL, the William C. Velásquez Institute and the Salvadoran American National Association

3.30 p.m. to 5.15 p.m.

Country-by-country statements of position

5.15 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.

Break



MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

5.30 p.m. to 5.40 p.m. Reading of and concurrence in the order of business. Caritina Sáenz Vargas, Deputy, Executive Secretary Activity reports from the three COPA secretariats: 5.40 p.m. to 5.50 p.m. 1.- Brazil Secretariat/ Francisco Paes Landim, Deputy 5.50 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. 2.- Mexico Executive Secretariat/ Caritina Saénz Vargas, Deputy 6.00 p.m. to 6.10 p.m. 3.- Québec Secretariat 6.10 p.m. to 6.20 p.m. Report on the financial statements Martha Hilda González Calderón, Deputy Working report from the President of the Women's Network. 6.20 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. Aparecida Gama, Deputy 6.30 p.m. to 6.40 p.m. Establishment of the working committee to study the possible integration of COPA and FIPA in order to create a unique hemispheric interparliamentary organization 6.40 p.m. to 6.50 p.m. Presentation of the COPA's 10th Anniversary Program Ms. Leticia Gutiérrez Corona 6.50 p.m. to 7.00 p.m. Presentation of the International Tours Program Senator Carlos Jiménez Macías Nomination and confirmation of candidates for vacancies on the Executive 7.00 p.m. to 7.10 p.m. Committee 7.10 p.m. to 7.20 p.m. Invitation by Alliet Bautista, Deputy and Vice-President of the Women's Network, to the forum "Migrant Women," to be held in Zacatecas, Mexico, in June 2007 Introduction of the COPA Electoral Observation Missions' Reports which were 7.20 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. held in Brazil and Nicaragua and follow-up of the COPA Electoral Observation Missions' Program 7.30 p.m. to 7.45 p.m. **Routine Business** 7.45 p.m. to 8.00 p.m. Closing of the XVth Meeting of the COPA Executive Committee Dinner offered by the NHCSL, the William C. Velásquez Institute and the 2.00 p.m. Salvadoran American National Association



SUNDAY, JUNE 24

10.00 p.m. to 12.30 p.m.

WORKING SESSION II: THE FUTURE OF THE AMERICAS IN A GLOBALIZED WORLD "TRADE, DEVELOPMENT AND SECURITY"

LECTURE

- Dr. Carlos Rico, Under Secretary for North America, Mexican Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Moderator: Deputy Eduardo Ortíz (Mexican Congress) Chair, Committee on the Economy, Trade, Labour, and Trading Blocs
- Country-by-country statements of position

1:00 p.m. to 2:15 p.m.

Lunch

3.00 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.

"Round table on the theme of migration with the participation of the principal experts in mexicanology" sponsored by the Consul General of Mexico in the United States, Rubén Beltrán.

Introduction by the Under Secretary for North America of the Mexican Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Carlos Rico

RECEPTION

Consulate of Mexico in Los Angeles

- Meeting with the Mayor of Los Angeles, Mr. Antonio Villaraigosa
- Meetings with leaders of migrant communities

MONDAY, JUNE 25

Afternoon

Departure of participants