

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR SENATOR PIEDAD CÓRDOBA OF COLOMBIA

We, members of the Network of Women Parliamentarians of the Americas, an organ of the Parliamentary Confederation of the Americas, which brings together the congresses and parliamentary assemblies of the unitary, federal, federated, and associated states, the regional parliaments, and the interparliamentary organizations of the Americas, at the close of our meeting held in Zacatecas, Mexico, on September 27 and 28, 2007, wherein we examined the themes of violence against women, migration, human trafficking, and the participation of women in political life, have, pursuant to the conclusions reached at the said meeting, adopted the following resolution:

Preamble

- Recognizing that it is in the interest of all democratic governments on the American continent that the peace process which is under way in Colombia yield positive results;
- Mindful that Senator Piedad Córdoba has been entrusted by the President of the Republic of Colombia, Álvaro Uribe Vélez, with the weighty responsibility of acting as mediator between the government of the Republic and the people's army of the FARC in order to foster the humanitarian exchange of persons deprived of their liberty (illegally confined) for political prisoners (guerrillas);
- Noting that major world leaders, in particular high-ranking figures in the governments of France, Venezuela, Chile, Brazil, Panama, Ecuador, Nicaragua, Cuba, Spain, Switzerland, and the United States as well as in the Catholic Church, have lent their support to the efforts of Senator Piedad Córdoba;

WE HAVE RESOLVED:

1. To support the facilitation and mediation efforts of Senator Piedad Córdoba in the humanitarian exchange process;
2. To encourage and to accompany the peace and humanitarian exchange process in the sister Republic of Colombia from within our respective countries and congresses;
3. To express to the families, to the people, to the Congress of the Republic of Colombia, and most particularly to the Senate Chamber of that country the full support of the Network of Women Parliamentarians of the Americas for the Senator, for those countries that support this process, and for the Republic of Colombia;
4. To hope that this much-desired humanitarian exchange will prove successful and will mark an important step toward the conclusion of the peace process in Colombia.

Adopted in the City of Zacatecas, Zacatecas, Mexico, September 28, 2007