



**NETWORK OF WOMEN PARLIAMENTARIANS OF THE AMERICAS
6TH ANNUAL MEETING
QUITO, ECUADOR, MAY 30, 2006**

**Resolution on the adoption of the United Nations Convention on the Elimination
of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW)**

WE, the representatives of the parliamentary assemblies of unitary, federal, federated, and associated states, of regional parliaments, and of interparliamentary organizations of the Americas, gathered in Quito, Ecuador, for the 6th Annual Meeting of the Network of Women Parliamentarians of the Americas held as part of the activities celebrating the 25th anniversary of the adoption of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW):

SPEAK OUT in favor of the ratification of this Convention and its Optional Protocol by all countries;

CALL ON state parties to renounce their reservations regarding the articles of the Convention that are crucial to the pursuit of its goal;

Ask the governments of state parties to present their reports to the Convention Committee in a timely manner;

RECOGNIZE the importance of the role played by civil society organizations in enforcing the Convention and ***call upon*** the governments of state parties to lend them the support they need to continue their work to this end;

ENCOURAGE State Parties to distribute the Convention within their respective populations and organize awareness campaigns as to its content;

INVITE the governments of State Parties to provide training to their officials on the Convention and its content;

URGE State Parties to adopt appropriate measures and public policies to follow up on the recommendations developed by the Committee;

RECOGNIZE the need to ally ourselves with the judiciary of state parties to promote and ensure the principles set out in the Convention are respected;

CALL ON the parliaments of state parties that have not yet done so to enshrine the principles of the Convention in their constitution;

CALL ON parliamentarians the world over to undertake an in-depth review of the laws of their respective countries to ensure they take into account the commitments undertaken in the Convention;

URGE State Parties to foster international and regional cooperation in view of promoting and guaranteeing respect for the rights enshrined in the Convention.