



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

**Ixtapan de la Sal, Mexico, November 24, 2002**

***RECOMMENDATION ON THE RECOGNITION OF  
THE RIGHTS OF AFGHAN WOMEN***

*WHEREAS* the political context in Afghanistan is such that women have suffered for more than two decades under the Taliban regime and continue to suffer under the current regime;

*WHEREAS* Dr. Sima Samar, former Deputy Prime Minister of the transitional Afghan government, is currently waging a courageous struggle to fight violence against women in Afghanistan, and is seeking to have a human rights committee created for that purpose;

*WE, members of the Network of Women Parliamentarians of the Americas:*

*SUPPORT* Dr. Sima Samar and all women Afghan activists, who are risking their lives to work toward the recognition of the rights of Afghan women and toward the establishment of democracy in Afghanistan.