



Third Consultation of Women Parliamentarians of the Americas

MOVING TOWARD POLITICAL GENDER PARITY: Political harassment and violence against women Reconciling private life and political life within parliaments

CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The parliamentarians of the Americas, who met in Guanajuato, Mexico on September 10, 2015 for the Third Consultation, concluded by making the following recommendations on the themes studied:

Concerning political harassment and violence against women:

- Adopt legislation to prevent, punish and eradicate political harassment and violence against women, worded to reflect the definition of “violence against women” contained in articles 1 and 2 of the Convention of Belém Do Pará, and the political rights for women set out in article 7 of the Convention on Elimination of All forms of Discrimination against Women.
- Ensure that public policies on the subject take the diversity of American women into consideration and, consequently, the many overlapping factors of inequality, including race, ethnic background, age and socioeconomic status.
- Promote awareness initiatives and lobbying strategies to foster the approval of legislation on political harassment and violence.
- Recognize the prevalence of such violence in regional political circles.
- Highlight the political parties’ fundamental role and their need to adopt tools to prevent, intervene in and punish political harassment and violence against women.
- Emphasize the importance of establishing alliances with the communications media and of curbing violence against women in the media and social media.

Concerning reconciling private life and political life within parliaments:

- Take note of the absence of formal regulations governing schedules for political activities and other important aspects observed in parliamentary assemblies.
- Promote reforms on men’s and women’s paternity and maternity leave rights in parliamentary assemblies.