



**Annual Meeting of the
Network of Women Parliamentarians
of the Americas
Salta, October 14, 2016**



**DECLARATION ON
THE POLITICAL SITUATION IN NICARAGUA**

We, the parliamentarians of the Americas gathered in Salta, Argentina on October 14, 2016 for the 14th Annual Meeting of the Network of the Women Parliamentarians of the Americas;

EXPRESS our concern following the dismissal, on July 29, 2016, of 28 deputies of the National Assembly of Nicaragua, including Deputy Edipcia Dubón, a member of the Network's Executive Committee;

REITERATE our commitment to the principles of peace, representative democracy, respect for human rights and gender equality, which are recognized in various international agreements, including the Inter-American Democratic Charter;

HOPE that the November 6 elections to elect a president, a vice-president, 90 national deputies and 20 members of the Central American Parliament will be held with due regard to the above-mentioned principles of democracy and respect for human rights.

Unanimously adopted at the Annual Meeting of the Network of Women Parliamentarians of the Americas on October 14, 2016 in the city of Salta, Argentina.