



**SIXTH PLENARY MEETING
INTER-PARLIAMENTARY FORUM OF THE AMERICAS (FIPA)**

OTTAWA, CANADA
SEPTEMBER 13 - 15, 2009

PROSPERITY AND COOPERATION: A NEW AGENDA FOR THE AMERICAS

Recommendation

**Outcome of the Special Parliamentary Dialogue held prior to the
the 5th Summit of Heads of States and Governments of the Americas**

Adopted by the FIPA Plenary Assembly on September 15, 2009

RECOGNIZING the importance of the pre-Summit Special Parliamentary Dialogue held by the Parliament of Trinidad and Tobago and the Inter-Parliamentary Forum of the Americas (FIPA) on April 16, 2009 and the adoption of a final statement;

THE PLENARY ASSEMBLY OF FIPA:

1. ENDORSES the Final Statement adopted by parliamentarians gathered at the Special Parliamentary Dialogue, annexed to the present recommendation;
2. RECOMMENDS that similar parliamentary dialogues be held as part as regular pre-Summit activities held in the framework of future summits of Heads of State and Government of the Americas.



Annex

SPECIAL PARLIAMENTARY DIALOGUE “ENGAGING PARLIAMENTS IN THE SUMMITS OF THE AMERICAS’ PROCESS”

PARLIAMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO
PORT-OF-SPAIN, TRINIDAD & TOBAGO
APRIL 16, 2009

FINAL STATEMENT

Adopted on April 16, 2009

We, Parliamentarians, gathered at the Special Parliamentary Dialogue hosted by the Parliament of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago and FIPA on April 16, 2009 in Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago:

1. Encourage partnership between parliamentarians and the Executive branch in the implementation of the Declaration of Commitment of Port of Spain, to be adopted by Heads of States and Governments of the Americas at the Fifth Summit.
2. Encourage Governments to recognize the great diversity of the various countries of the hemisphere in the implementation of the Declaration.
3. Assert that increased parliamentary participation in the Summits of the Americas’ Process will lead to accountability and greater transparency.
4. Call on Governments to ensure that the Organization of the American States will be supported financially in order to monitor the implementation of the Summit Declaration and carry out the mandates entrusted to it.
5. Express our will to participate on a continual basis in the Summit of the Americas’ Process through FIPA.