

WFM Council Meeting 2014

Coalition for the Establishment of a Latin American Criminal Court Against Organized Crime (COPLA)

Draft resolution proposed by Democracia Global –Movimiento por la Unión Sudamericana y el Parlamento Mundial.

Given that

Latin America has become not only the most inequitable region of the planet, but the most violent;

the rapid increase of organized crime is deeply affecting the human rights of Latin-American citizens and eroding democracy in many countries in the region;

criminal organizations do not recognize national borders, tend to adopt regional and global structures and strategies and to constitute transnational networks of trafficking and crime, so that there is no effective way of addressing the challenges they pose without regional cooperation and coordination;

past WFM Councils and its last Congress have stated regional integration as a key policy to be carried out by the organization;

other initiatives in favor of South-American and Latin-America integration are currently in a critical status;

the experience and successful impact of the work undertaken by the World Federalist Movement in the creation of the International Criminal Court constitutes basic know-how for the development of similar processes;

in less than a year and with almost no resources, Democracia Global has started a successful campaign for the Establishment of a Latin American Criminal Court Against Organized Crime, receiving support from more than ten nongovernmental organizations and politicians of all tendencies, recognized human rights activists, former members of ad hoc international criminal courts, academics on law, rights and gender, members of the CICC, deans of Law Schools, constitutional experts, European politicians and organizations, among others (full list of the supporters stated in the COPLA report);

The World Federalist Movement decides:

to support the creation of the Coalition for the Establishment of a Latin American Criminal Court against Organized Crime as its specific strategy in favor of regional integration in the Latin American region;

to adopt this initiative as an official policy and commit to contribute to its development by promoting and providing contacts, expertise and fundraising, as long as the human and economic resources allow it;

to bring this initiative to all the members and supporters of the World Federalist Movement, the Coalition for the International Criminal Court and the WFM funders, asking for their support and involvement in the campaign.