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Statement of the Board of the Central American Parliament on the Regional Reconciliation

The permanent regional body of political and democratic representation of the member countries belonging to the Central American Integration System welcomes the signing of "Agreement for National Reconciliation and Consolidation of Democracy in the Republic of Honduras" on May 22nd, in Cartagena de Indias, Republic of Colombia. This Agreement was concluded between His Excellency the President of Honduras, Porfirio Lobo Sosa and former President of the Republic, José Manuel Zelaya Rosales, under the auspices and mediation of the Presidents Hugo Chávez Frías and Juan Manuel Santos of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela and Colombia, respectively.

The Cartagena Agreement allows the return of former President Manuel Zelaya to the territory of Honduras under worthy and dignified conditions, as well as the establishment of diplomatic relations between Honduras and the Republic of Nicaragua. Furthermore it not only creates the conditions for Honduras' reintegration into the Organization of American States- OAS, but also its full participation in the Central American Integration System-SICA.

The restoration of political order in the region and the prevalence of Human Rights, which had been fragmented with the coup that took place in Tegucigalpa on June 28th 2009, is a reason for joy for the people of Central America. These hard times have been overcome and should not be forgotten in order to ensure that it never arise again.

Consistently and in accord with the Cartagena Agreement, the Presidents of the CA-4, agreed on June 22nd, 2011, in the City of Managua, Nicaragua, to provide their full support to the above-mentioned agreement. In addition they have requested all Latin American countries to join the cause in order to secure the prompt return of Honduras to the OAS.

On the occasion of the meeting in Managua and inspired by the ideals of Francisco Morazan, it was seen fit to grant the "Declaration of CA-4 on the Central American Customs Union" and the "Declaration of CA-4 on Central Regional Security. This feeds into the actions undertaken to achieve a regional customs union, as well as jointly face the problem of insecurity that afflicts the population.

The Central American Parliament expresses its full support to all the above actions, which strengthen the democracy of our people, safeguard the protection of Human Rights and nurtures the integration of the countries that form the-SICA. Additionally it constitutes a clear message to the nations of the world, in so far as justice, respect, dialogue and unity of the sons of one Patria Grande "Centroamérica " prevails in our region.

Nueva Guatemala de la Asunción, May 24th , 2011.