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APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION PRESENTED PURSUANT TO ITEM 6 OF THE
GUIDELINES FOR PARTICIPATION BY CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS IN OAS
ACTIVITIES [CP/RES. 759 (1217/99)]

[Akahatá – Equipo de Trabajo en Sexualidades y Género]

ANALYSIS OF ELEMENTS FOR REGISTRATION BY *AKAHATÁ – EQUIPO DE TRABAJO EN SEXUALIDADES Y GÉNERO* TO PARTICIPATE IN OAS ACTIVITIES

This document was prepared by the Relations with Civil Society Section of the Secretariat for Access to Rights and Equity to provide information to the member states of the Organization of American States (OAS) on the civil society organization *Akahatá – Equipo de Trabajo en Sexualidades y Género* [Akahatá – Work Team on Sexuality and Gender].

The information contained in this report is in response to resolution CP/RES. 759 (1217/99), “Guidelines for the Participation of Civil Society Organizations in OAS Activities.” This document includes a summary and list of documentation presented by *Akahatá – Equipo de Trabajo en Sexualidades y Género* in accordance with the aforementioned Guidelines.

1. Background

Akahatá - Equipo de Trabajo en Sexualidades y Género is a civil society organization founded on July 28, 2011 in Buenos Aires, Argentina. *Akahatá* promotes the defense and protection of human rights in gender and sexuality matters from a social, cultural, economic, and legal perspective.

The objective of *Akahatá* is to promote and protect the full exercise of sexuality, based on gender equity, freedom, and respect for diversity without coercion or the abuse of power.

The organization seeks to coordinate the various movements in the region, develop their capacity, and strengthen them as organizations, groups, and activists to promote dialogue, the sharing of experiences, and the joint development of tools for the defense of human rights.

Akahatá offers training programs, seminars, training courses, and workshops and holds conventions and conferences to foster the protection and defense of human rights, particularly sexual rights, so as to contribute to the building of a more egalitarian, respectful, and nondiscriminatory society.

Akahatá participated in the United Nations Human Rights Council in 2014, where it collaborated with organizations from Spain, Grenada, Guyana, Panama, Jamaica, and Honduras in the presentation of reports on sexual and reproductive rights for the review of these countries in the Universal Periodic Review (UPR).

Akahatá also participated in the OAS General Assembly, held in Asunción from June 3 to 5, 2014, in which the OAS adopted its seventh resolution on Human Rights, Sexual Orientation, and Gender Identity and Expression, renewing the commitment of the OAS to the LGBTI population.

Akahatá finances its activities through funds sponsored by national institutions, such as the National Institution against Discrimination, Xenophobia, and Racism (INADI) and the Ministry of Social Development, and international entities such as the Dignity for All program, the Ford Foundation, and the Arcus Foundation.

Akahatá submitted its application for registration to the OAS on January 19, 2016.

2. Name, address, and date of establishment of the CSO

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President: Marcelo Ernesto Ferreyra

Date founded: July 28, 2011

3. Primary areas of activity and contributions that could be of interest to the OAS

Akahatá - Equipo de Trabajo en Sexualidades y Género contributes to the promotion and propagation of human rights, especially the sexual and reproductive rights of populations in situations of vulnerability. The organization's main work areas and contributions of potential interest to the OAS include:

- The promotion and propagation of human rights, especially sexual and reproductive rights, through workshops, conferences, and public awareness efforts geared to the general public to build a more equitable, tolerant, respectful, and integrated society.
- Continuous monitoring of the conventions and resolutions adopted by the OAS General Assemblies, such as the Inter-American Convention against Racism, Racial Discrimination, and Related Forms of Intolerance, the Inter-American Convention against All Forms of Discrimination and Intolerance, and the annual resolutions on human rights, sexual orientation, and gender identity.
- Advocacy in international forums, such as the OAS General Assembly, the United Nations Human Rights Council, and the MERCOSUR Meeting of High-level Authorities on Human Rights, to ensure compliance with the international instruments signed and ratified by the States in defense of sexual rights.
- Workshops in provinces of Argentina, designed to bring regional mechanisms closer to activists from different social movements.

4. Identification of potential areas of collaboration with the OAS

Akahatá - Equipo de Trabajo en Sexualidades y Género proposes to collaborate with the OAS in the following areas:

- Work with the Inter-American Commission of Women (CIM) in advancing its initiatives to promote gender equity in public policy and eliminate all forms of discrimination against women, and in the implementation of the Inter-American Convention on the Prevention, Punishment, and Eradication of Violence against Women.
- Support the activities of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) in promoting and protecting human rights, with emphasis on vulnerable populations, and make recommendations to the political bodies of the Organization concerning human rights and the protection of vulnerable populations;
- Support the Secretariat for Access to Rights and Equity by sending status reports on compliance with the Inter-American instruments adopted by the OAS on LGBTI;
- Participate in the hemispheric discussions on this issue open to civil society and make recommendations to OAS member states to serve as inputs for events such as the OAS General Assembly, Permanent Council sessions, IACHR sessions, etc.

5. Documents submitted by the CSO to the OAS

- Letter to the Secretary General of the OAS, January 18, 2016
- Constitution
- Statutes
- Institutional mission
- Annual Activities Report 2015
- Financial Statement 2015
- Source of Financing 2014-2015