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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)]

[Asociación Respuesta para la Paz]

ANALYSIS OF THE APPLICATION FILED BY THE *RESPUESTA PARA LA PAZ* CIVIL ASSOCIATION TO BE REGISTERED WITH THE OAS

This document was prepared by the Department of International Affairs, Secretariat for External Relations, to provide information to the member states of the Organization of American States (OAS) on the civil society organization *Asociación Respuesta para la Paz*.

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,” and includes a summary and a list of data and documentation presented by the *Asociación Respuesta para la Paz*, in accordance with the aforementioned guidelines.

1. Background

The *Asociación Respuesta para la Paz* is a non-governmental, non-profit civil society organization founded in 1995 in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Its mission is to inform civil society about alternative means of settling disputes, such as mediation, negotiation, and arbitration, with a view to achieving social peace.

The *Asociación Respuesta para la Paz* works to foster a culture of non-violence within society by taking active part in various congresses and conferences held around the world on the subject, where it introduces proposals and serves on panels, working groups, and committees.

The *Asociación Respuesta para la Paz* has a Mediation Center that addresses and advises on issues that are a source of conflict within families, communities, educational institutions, and business. It also has a Training Center endorsed by Argentina’s Ministry of Justice, where the Association offers courses in negotiation, mediation, and a culture of peace.

The *Asociación Respuesta para la Paz* organizes cultural and academic exchanges with universities, institutions, and organizations like the Universidad de Buenos Aires and Harvard University.

To conduct its projects, the *Asociación Respuesta para la Paz* relies on membership fees and the revenue generated by the training courses it offers in Community Mediation. It also receives donations in kind from the PULIHEN S.A.C.I. agriculture and livestock industry.

The *Asociación Respuesta para la Paz* filed its application to register with the OAS on August 15, 2013.

2. Name, address, and date of the organization's establishment

Name of the organization: *Asociación Respuesta para la Paz*

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President: Diana de la Rúa Eugenio

Date established: March 28, 1995

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

Asociación Respuesta para la Paz works to disseminate various means of settling conflicts, such as mediation, negotiation and arbitration. The organization's primary areas of activity and contributions that could be of interest to the OAS include the following:

- Advocating for the institutions of democracy and access to justice by offering training to civil society on settling conflicts and strengthening democracy.
- Maintaining partnerships with actors like nongovernmental organizations, think tanks and academic institutions, working with them to prepare reports, offer training courses and promote cultural exchange.
- Fostering the culture of peace and sharing its experiences and best practices by attending and participating in seminars, conferences, and panel discussions on the techniques used in various parts of the world to mediate and settle conflicts.

4. Identification of potential areas of collaboration with the OAS

The *Asociación Respuesta para la Paz* proposes to collaborate with the OAS in the following areas:

- Collaborating with the Department of Effective Public Management on its programs to strengthen democratic institutions and public-private partnerships to develop the public policies and strategies needed to establish democracy;
- Within Argentine civil society and among its nongovernmental organizations, publicizing the activities of the Section on Institutional Capacity-Building in

Dialogue and Mediation of the OAS General Secretariat's Department of Sustainable Democracy and Special Missions;

- Participating in the OAS' hemispheric dialogue and activities with civil society on the subject and offering recommendations to the OAS member states that serve as input for events like the OAS General Assembly, the meetings of the Permanent Council and its committees, sessions of the IACHR, and others.

5. Documents presented to the OAS

- Letter addressed to the OAS Secretary General, August 15, 2013
- Charter
- Statutes
- Mission Statement
- 2010-2013 annual activities report
- 2013 Financial Statement, audited by Silvia M. Datsira, a public accountant
- 2013 Source of Financing