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IN OAS ACTIVITIES [CP/RES. 759 (1217/99)]

Fundación de Apoyo al Parlamento y la Participación Ciudadana (FUNDAPPAC) (Foundation to Support the Parliament and Citizen Participation)

APPLICATION BY THE FOUNDATION TO SUPPORT THE PARLIAMENT AND CITIZEN PARTICIPATION TO PARTICIPATE IN OAS ACTIVITIES PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 6 OF THE GUIDELINES FOR PARTICIPATION BY CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS IN OAS ACTIVITIES [CP/RES. 759 (1217/99)]

This document was prepared by the Summits Secretariat to provide information to the OAS Committee on Inter-American Summits Management and Civil Society Participation in OAS Activities on the civil society organization *Fundación de Apoyo al Parlamento y la Participación Ciudadana (FUNDAPPAC)*. The information contained herein is in response to resolution CP/RES. 759 (1217/99), "Guidelines for the Participation of Civil Society Organizations in OAS Activities," and includes a list of documentation presented by FUNDAPPAC in accordance with the aforementioned Guidelines.

1. Background

The *Fundación de Apoyo al Parlamento y la Participación Ciudadana (FUNDAPPAC)* is a nonprofit nongovernmental organization founded in 1997 to promote, support, foster, and disseminate the values of democracy and the rule of law arising from the parliamentary system, according to the Constitution of Bolivia. This civil society organization is led by various former presidents of the Senate and Chamber of Deputies.

FUNDAPPAC pursues its mission from its headquarters in La Paz by conducting seminars and educational events and producing publications to disseminate information on the constitutional process. *FUNDAPPAC* expresses great interest in supporting participation by women and youth in public affairs and their training for such participation.

FUNDAPPAC receives funding from the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung Foundation of the Federal Republic of Germany.

FUNDAPPAC submitted its application on October 16, 2006.

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

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Date of establishment: September 2, 1996

3. Primary areas of activity of the CSO and their relationship to OAS activities

FUNDAPPAC shares with the OAS the goal of promoting the development of a culture of democracy in the region through increased civic participation. The areas of *FUNDAPPAC*'s endeavors that are related to OAS activities include:

- Strengthening the Legislature and other institutions of democratic representation in Bolivia;
- Promoting the establishment of mechanisms for fluid and effective communication between the Parliament and civil society in Bolivia;
- Promoting awareness of the objectives outlined in the Inter-American Democratic Charter;
- Promoting education and citizen participation through dialogue and discussion of topics related to democracy.

4. Contributions by FUNDAPPAC that could be of interest to the OAS

In its endeavors, *FUNDAPPAC* carries out the following activities that could help to strengthen democracy and the country's social development:

- Designing citizen education workshops on opportunities for political participation by young people in the democratic system;
- Conducting democracy activities with other organizations, such as the National Endowment for Democracy and *Compañeros de las Américas*, to educate the population on democratic values and practices;
- Holding Parliamentary Evenings on topics such as "Ethics and Politics" and "Indigenous Participation in Constitutional Processes in the Countries of the Andean Region," providing a forum for dialogue between the parliamentary political arena and civil society;
- Preparing and publishing studies like the Defense Sector Proposal for the Constitutional Assembly and the Proposed Political Constitution of the Nation, which seek to train the population for conflict resolution and peace education.

5. Identification of the OAS work areas in which the CSO undertakes to support ongoing activities or to make recommendations on the best way to achieve OAS objectives

FUNDAPPAC can contribute to OAS efforts to cultivate a culture of democracy and increase citizen participation by:

- Fostering programs that effectively promote civil society participation in activities related to the defense of democracy;
- Supporting and publicizing the activities of the Inter-American Commission of Women (CIM) as regards the promotion of women's participation in politics and in leadership;
- Disseminating and promoting the Inter-American Democratic Charter;
- Supporting the work of the Secretariat for Political Affairs, through its initiatives in support of the electoral process, governance, and democratic values, in particular by participating in the Inter-American Program on Education for Democratic Values and Practices.

6. Documents submitted by the CSO to the OAS

- Letter to the OAS Secretary General, dated September 11, 2006
- Articles of incorporation (September 2, 1996)
- Statutes (December 26, 2006)
- Annual report for 2005
- Institutional mission statement
- Financial statements for 2005 (audited by C.P.A Gastón Alcázar de Alcazar y Asociados)