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APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN OAS ACTIVITIES PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 6
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IN OAS ACTIVITIES [CP/RES. 759 (1217/99)]

*[Organización de Capacitación para el Desarrollo de la Micro, Pequeña y Mediana Empresa y
Prevención Ecológica (OCADEM & PE)]*

ANALYSIS OF FACTORS RELATING TO THE APPLICATION BY *SOCIEDAD CIVIL DE LA ORGANIZACIÓN DE CAPACITACION PARA EL DESARROLLO DE LA MICRO, PEQUEÑA Y MEDIANA EMPRESA Y PREVENCIÓN ECOLÓGICA (OCADEM & PE)* TO PARTICIPATE IN OAS ACTIVITIES

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 *Organización de Capacitación para el Desarrollo de la Micro, Pequeña y Mediana Empresa y Prevención Ecológica (OCADEM & PE)* (Organization for Training in the Development of Micro, Small, and Medium-sized Enterprise and Ecological Prevention – OCADEM & PE) of Bolivia.

The information contained in this report is provided pursuant 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 OCADEM & PE in accordance with the aforementioned Guidelines.

1. Background

Organización de Capacitación para el Desarrollo de la Micro, Pequeña y Mediana Empresa y Prevención Ecológica (OCADEM & PE) is a nongovernmental, nonprofit organization founded on October 15, 2001, in La Paz, Bolivia, for the purpose of advancing efforts to fight corruption and defend human rights, democracy, and access to justice. It works to root out corruption and to protect human rights by promoting dialogue between the population and public and private institutions.

Its priority focus is to carry out programs related to free enterprise and actions to heighten the awareness of civil society and the various institutions of the three branches of government concerning the importance and need to combat the scourge of corruption in a joint, participatory fashion, and to seek mechanisms and actions to prevent, detect, punish, and eradicate corruption.

OCADEM & PE is funded through *Red de Participación y Justicia* (Participation and Justice Network), Partners of the Americas, USAID/Bolivia, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), support from its members, and grants.

OCADEM & PE submitted its application to the OAS on April 30, 2008.

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

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| Date established: | April 30, 2008 |

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

Its activities are related to those of the OAS in the following areas:

- Submission of policies, strategies, and action plans to prevent and combat corruption through greater transparency in Bolivia;
- Encouragement of the establishment of strategic anticorruption partnerships to follow up on the commitments undertaken at the Summits of the Americas and in international conventions;
- Development of programs for citizen inclusion and participation, collaborating with civil society organizations on joint projects in education, democracy, development, and culture; and
- Promotion of citizen participation programs on human rights and democracy through the formulation of information requests to enable citizens to have effective access to information.

4. **CSO contributions that could be of interest to the OAS**

OCADEM & PE can contribute to OAS efforts through the following activities:

- Implementation of educational programs for groups of people on topics related to the development of small and medium-sized enterprises;
- Conducting of studies and research, in collaboration with international cooperation agencies, to foster the participation of civil society organizations in local politics; and
- Establishment of partnerships for citizen participation with other civil society organizations and private enterprises, for the purpose of making recommendations on matters of competitiveness, job creation, social development, and poverty eradication, and following up on Summits and international treaties.

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

OCADEM & PE considers that it can contribute to OAS efforts by:

- Working with the Secretariat for Political Affairs (SPA) to promote the principles of the OAS Inter-American Democratic Charter regarding mandates on citizen participation;
- Contributing to the work of the Executive Secretariat for Integral Development (SEDI) in the promotion and dissemination of partnership-for-development programs and activities in the economic, social, and cultural areas.

- Collaborating with the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) on matters related to promotion and protection of the human rights of the people of the Americas;
- Collaborating with the Secretariat for Legal Affairs (SLA) in its efforts to implement mechanisms for preventing, detecting, and eradicating corruption; and
- Supporting the work of the Department of International Affairs of the Secretariat for External Relations (SER) in order to shore up mechanisms for citizen participation, and working with the Summits Secretariat in the Summits of the Americas process.

6. Documents submitted by the CSO to the OAS

- Letter addressed to the Secretary General, dated April 30, 2008
- Articles of incorporation, dated October 15, 2001
- Statute
- Activity report for 2008
- Financial statements for 2008 along with sources of funding, signed by Marco A. Altamirano