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APPLICATION 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)]

*[Red Participación y Justicia]*

## ANALYSIS OF FACTORS RELATING TO THE APPLICATION BY *RED PARTICIPACIÓN Y JUSTICIA* 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 *Red Participación y Justicia* (Participation and Justice Network).

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 *Red Participación y Justicia* in accordance with the aforementioned Guidelines.

### 1. **Background**

*Red Participación y Justicia* is a nonprofit organization founded on October 16, 2006, in La Paz, Bolivia, to promote and implement joint activities in research, education, communications, deliberations, monitoring, and social oversight with citizen participation in order to strengthen justice administration and democratic institutional systems.

*Red Participación y Justicia* promotes and coordinates national and regional strategies and actions to encourage citizen participation in order to increase access to justice and promote democratic governance.

It is affiliated with a number of civil society organizations committed to principles of justice, peace, equity, transparency, and democratic pluralism.

*Red Participación y Justicia* is funded by contributions from Partners of the Americas, the United States Agency for International Development (USAID-Bolivia), the National Endowment for Democracy (NE), the Andean Commission of Jurists (ACJ), the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), and the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung (KAS).

It submitted its application to the OAS on February 16, 2009.

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

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President:	Jaime Álvarez Fortún
Date established:	October 16, 2006

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

*Red Participación y Justicia* works to promote democracy and citizen participation in the development of projects that benefit human development. Its activities are related to those of the OAS in the following areas:

- Promoting citizen participation in state modernization processes and developing mechanisms for monitoring the branches of government;
- Promoting ways to train and develop local capacity in the areas of justice and democracy; and
- Conducting research, formulating proposals, and supporting activities on access to justice, respect for democratic freedoms, transparency in public administration, sustainable development, and social inclusion of indigent populations, in coordination with other national and international public or private organizations with similar and/or complementary objectives.

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

*Red Participación y Justicia* can contribute to OAS efforts through the following activities:

- Holding workshops, seminars, conferences, and talks to strengthen legislative institutions in the areas of security, defense, and democratic governance;
- Developing educational programs and projects for youths with a view to training social actors to closely monitor participation in public policy; and
- Using thematic information programs to teach the importance of citizen participation in democratic processes in order to raise public awareness of human rights, social development, and security issues.

**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**

*Red Participación y Justicia* considers that it can contribute to OAS efforts in:

- Working with the Secretariat for Political Affairs (SPA) to promote the principles of the OAS Inter-American Democratic Charter regarding mandates on citizen participation;
- 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;

- Disseminating the work of the Department of Sustainable Development of the Executive Secretariat for Integral Development (SEDI) in the design and implementation of policies, programs, and projects geared toward poverty eradication and socioeconomic development; and
- Supporting the work of the Department of International Affairs (DIA) 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 to the OAS Secretary General, dated February 16, 2009
- Articles of incorporation, October 16, 2006
- Statute
- Annual report 2007-2008
- Financial statements audited by the *Colegio de Contadores de La Paz* (Association of Accountants of La Paz) (Public Accountant Miriam Guzmán Castillo)