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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)]

[Associação Brasileira de Defesa da Mulher, da Infância e da Juventude (ASBRAD)]

ANALYSIS OF THE REQUEST BY ASSOCIAÇÃO BRASILEIRA DE DEFESA DA MULHER, DA INFANCIA E DA JUVENTUDE (ASBRAD) TO BE REGISTERED IN 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 *Associação Brasileira de Defesa da Mulher, da Infancia e da Juventude* [Brazilian Association for the Defense of Women, Children, and Youth (ASBRAD)].

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." This document includes a summary and list of documentation presented by ASBRAD in accordance with the aforementioned Guidelines.

1. Background

Associação Brasileira de Defesa da Mulher, da Infancia e da Juventude (ASBRAD) is a not-for-profit nongovernmental organization founded in São Paulo, Brazil, on December 18, 1997 with a mission to protect and defend women's, family, and maternity rights as well as the rights of children, adolescents, and seniors.

ASBRAD pursues its objectives by providing free social, psychological, and legal assistance, reporting violence in all areas of human coexistence, especially as regards exploitation of and trafficking in children and adolescents.

The Association comprises a director, a financial controller, staff members, volunteers, a support team, and a multidisciplinary technical team of social workers, psychologists, and lawyers, who provide help for vulnerable and at-risk families and individuals.

ASBRAD's projects are designed to provide victims of domestic and sexual violence with free legal aid; family mediation; and are geared towards strengthening the Protection and Assistance Network for child and teen victims of sexual violence.

ASBRAD also provides follow-up support for the socio-educational measure of supervised release, which promotes social inclusion through family, job, and social counseling; and has a Humane Care Center at the Guarulhos International Airport, for deportees and those refused entry abroad. This Center identifies victims of international human trafficking so as to facilitate their return to Brazil.

ASBRAD participates in international forums and committees focused on human rights; from 2005 to 2008, collaborated with Partners of the Americas-USAID on a program of assistance for child and adolescent victims of trafficking for sexual exploitation; and collaborated with the State Human Rights Defense Council and the Municipal Social Welfare Council.

ASBRAD carries out its projects with funding from the international development organization CORDAID, the São Paulo State Public Defender Office, *Fundación Casa*, the Guarulhos Prefecture through the Municipal Children's Fund, and the Municipal Social Welfare Fund.

ASBRAD applied for registration with the OAS on September 12, 2014.

2. Name, address, and date of establishment

Name of Organization: *Associação Brasileira de Defesa da Mulher, da Infancia e da Juventude (ASBRAD)*

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Date established: December 18, 1997

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

ASBRAD works in the areas of human rights; gender-based, sexual, and domestic violence; and social welfare. The CSO's primary areas of activity and contributions that might be of interest to the OAS include:

- Promoting and protecting the basic rights of women, children, and adolescents and families, through the filing of complaints and through legal aid and psychological counseling.
- Strengthening mechanisms to assist, protect, and rescue child victims of sexual exploitation and human trafficking through training for stakeholders engaged in support networks.
- Advocating for the rights of migrants who are deported and/or refused admission upon their return to Brazil, with a view to identifying possible victims of

international human trafficking and providing psychological and legal assistance to facilitate the process of return and reintegration in the society.

- Combating gender-based and sexual violence as well as trafficking in women and children.

4. Identification of potential areas of collaboration with the OAS

Associação Brasileira de Defesa da Mulher, da Infancia e da Juventude (ASBRAD) would like to collaborate with the OAS in the following areas:

- Supporting the Inter-American Children's Institute (IIN) in its mission to help states develop public policies, help design and implement them with a view to promoting, protecting, and respecting the rights of children in the region;
- Lending assistance to the Department of Public Security's Anti-Trafficking in Persons Section through information sharing, promotion of programs, training, and activities;
- Supporting the activities of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR), especially its Rapporteurship on Women's Rights, in promoting and protecting women's human rights and gender equity and equality;
- Collaborating with the Inter-American Program on the Promotion of Women's Human Rights and Gender Equity and Equality [CIM/RES. 209/98 and AG/RES. 1625 (XXIX-O/99)] through recommendations, information, and reporting; and
- Taking part in hemispheric debates on the subject open to civil society and submitting recommendations to OAS member states that may serve as input for events such as the OAS General Assembly, meetings of the Permanent Council, and the IACHR's sessions.

5. Documents submitted by the CSO to the OAS

- Letter to the OAS Secretary General, dated September 12, 2014
- Letter from the OAS Office in Brazil
- Statutes
- Articles of Incorporation
- Activities report for 2013
- Financial statements for 2014