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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)]

[*United Rede Internacional de Direitos Humanos – (URIDH)*]

**ANALYSIS OF FACTORS RELATING TO THE APPLICATION BY
UNITED REDE INTERNACIONAL DE DIREITOS HUMANOS - URIDH
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 *United Rede Internacional de Direitos Humanos* (United International Human Rights 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 *United Rede Internacional de Direitos Humanos – URIDH*.

1. **Background**

Established on December 10, 2003, in Brazil, *United Rede Internacional de Direitos Humanos – URIDH* seeks to promote economic, social, cultural, civic, and political human rights by fostering cooperation among Latin American nongovernmental organizations and by regularly monitoring compliance with international treaties.

Its general purpose is to help guarantee that all people in the Southern Hemisphere—men, women, and children—have access to the economic, social, cultural, and environmental human rights protected by the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

United Rede Internacional de Direitos Humanos seeks to promote and protect these human rights by investigating and reporting any related violations in the Southern Hemisphere, so that, with the support of public opinion, these violations may come to an end.

It has received financial support for its activities from the Ford Foundation, the Heinrich Böll Foundation, the European Union, the United Nations, and the World Bank.

United Rede Internacional de Direitos Humanos submitted its application on May 7, 2007.

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

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Executive Director: Luis Roberto Alves de Lima

Date established: December 10, 2003

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

United Rede Internacional de Direitos Humanos would like to contribute to the work of the OAS through the following activities:

- Fostering the exchange of experiences and best practices on human rights protection through virtual forums that can provide information, thus making it possible to have current data on the human rights situation in the Hemisphere;
- Disseminating data from virtual forums or other sources of information on the human rights situation in the Southern Hemisphere, thus making it possible to warn human rights organizations, nongovernmental organizations, government agencies, and multilateral organizations of possible dangers;
- Promoting strengthening of human rights networks and organizations in Brazil in the framework of its relations with the region;
- Encouraging fulfillment of the commitments made by national governments in international human rights instruments, with a view to developing public policies to protect those who are most likely to become victims of human rights violations;
- Encouraging solidarity and equality between the region's men and women in order to eliminate discrimination of all types, on whatever grounds; and
- Supporting other organizations, universities, and other social actors in the defense of human rights in the Hemisphere.

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

United Rede Internacional de Direitos Humanos considers that the major contributions it can make of interest to the OAS are the following:

- Collection of accurate, updated information on the human rights situation in Brazil and the Americas;
- Support for the implementation of international treaties in the area of economic, social, cultural, and environmental human rights, in particular by national governments;
- Investigations of any possible human rights violations in the Hemisphere; and
- Projects that can be executed in various countries to collaborate in the defense of human rights.

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

United Rede Internacional de Direitos Humanos pledges to work in the following areas:

- Collaborating with member states in planning social policies that include among their priorities the promotion and protection of human rights;
- Supporting the activities of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) and the Inter-American Court of Human Rights by reporting violations of economic, social, cultural, and environmental human rights in Brazil and Latin America;
- Disseminating the work of the organs of the inter-American human rights system to enable more people to have access to those rights and to legal information, as required;
- Ensuring that the human rights of, and equality between, men and women are protected, through active participation in the activities of the Inter-American Commission of Women (CIM);
- Disseminating information to increase awareness of and publicize human rights, in close collaboration with the Department of Education and Culture of the OAS Executive Secretariat for Integral Development; and
- Shoring up civil society participation by promoting the activities of the Department of International Affairs of the Secretariat for External Relations (SER) and the work of the Summits Secretariat.

6. Documents submitted by the CSO to the OAS

- Letter to the OAS Secretary General, dated May 7, 2007
- Articles of Incorporation, December 10, 2003
- Record of Adoption of Statutes
- Financial statements for 2007, signed by Luis Roberto Alves de Lima in his capacity as legal counsel