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

[Conectas Direitos Humanos (Conectas)]

## ANALYSIS OF ELEMENTS FOR REGISTRATION BY *CONECTAS DIREITOS HUMANOS* (*CONECTAS*) TO PARTICIPATE IN OAS ACTIVITIES

This document was prepared by the Relations with Civil Society Section of the Secretariat for Access to Rights and Equity to provide information to the member states of the Organization of American States (OAS) on the civil society organization *Conectas Direitos Humanos* (*Conectas*).

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 data and documentation presented by *Conectas* in accordance with the aforementioned Guidelines.

### 1. Background

*Conectas Direitos Humanos* (*Conectas*) is a non-profit organization, established on September 11, 2001 in São Paulo, Brazil, that works on the defense of democracy and the democratic rule of law. The organization works to influence key actors, decision-makers, and those responsible for ensuring and protecting human rights and promoting justice. It also fights for greater civil society participation in areas that affect the population. *Conectas* acts through an extensive network of partners to prevent regression, report violations, and propose solutions. Its mission is to implement and expand human rights and fight inequality, in order to build a just, free, democratic society, from a Global South perspective.

*Conectas* aims to integrate and strengthen human rights by adopting a Global South perspective. *Conectas* draws on international and regional cooperation and human rights mechanisms and carries out solidarity actions to support partners in other regions.

*Conectas* obtains funding through donations, voluntary contributions, and other contributions.

*Conectas* submitted its application to the OAS on October 12, 2022.

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

Name of Organization: *Conectas Direitos Humanos* (*Conectas*)

Address: Avenida Paulista, n° 575, Bela Vista, São Paulo/SP, CEP 01311-911, Brazil

E-mail address: [carla.vreche@conectas.org](mailto:carla.vreche@conectas.org)

Executive Director: Juana Magdalena Kweitel

Date established: September 11, 2001

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

*Conectas* works to promote and defend human rights. The organization works to influence key actors and decision-makers to ensure and protect rights and to promote justice and greater civil society participation in decision-making on civil rights affecting the community. *Conectas* carries out advocacy work at the national and international levels, focusing on decision-making bodies and demanding government responses; the team also documents human rights violations, judicial litigation, and extrajudicial cases.

4. Identification of potential areas of collaboration with the OAS

*Conectas* would like to work with the OAS in the following areas:

- Working with the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights to draft and present reports on freedom of expression, women's rights, migrants' rights, indigenous peoples, and other specific issues;
- Contributing to the Committee on Juridical and Political Affairs of Permanent Council by submitting reports and recommendations on topics of interest to strengthen cooperation and work to strengthen democracy, peace, security, and development;
- Contributing to the Department for Electoral Cooperation and Observation by issuing reports and recommendations to strengthen democratic institutions and processes in the region;
- Following up on implementation of mandates of the Summits of the Americas and resolutions of the OAS General Assembly and Permanent Council; and
- Promoting participation by civil society organizations in activities organized by the OAS and registration of civil society organizations in the OAS roster.

5. Documents submitted by the CSO to the OAS

- Application letter to the Secretary General of the OAS
- Articles of incorporation
- Statute
- 2021 activity report
- Institutional mission statement
- 2021 financial statements

