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

*[Canadian Cancer Action Network]*

ANALYSIS OF ELEMENTS FOR REGISTRATION BY  
THE *CANADIAN CANCER ACTION NETWORK*  
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 (CSO) *Canadian Cancer Action 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," this document includes a summary and list of documentation presented by the *Canadian Cancer Action Network* in accordance with the aforementioned Guidelines.

**1. Background**

*Canadian Cancer Action Network* is a nongovernmental and nonprofit organization founded on March 5, 2008, in Toronto, Canada, to advocate for the implementation of cancer control strategies at the national level.

*Canadian Cancer Action Network* aims to improve quality of life and respect for cancer patients in all aspects of treatment, from prevention and diagnosis, to treatment, to palliative care.

*Canadian Cancer Action Network* is a network of 97 different civil society organizations involved in the struggle for patients, health care and palliative care providers, and health care agencies or associations. It is composed of 18 hospices/palliative care facilities, 15 national associations/organizations; 24 national cancer organizations; 22 cancer survivor support organizations; and 18 regional organizations.

To achieve its objectives, *Canadian Cancer Action Network* organizes panel discussions, facilitates virtual participation by its members in forums, and promotes relations with international partners and communities to facilitate the sharing of information and practices regarding cancer patient programs and policies.

*Canadian Cancer Action Network* aims to assist support networks for families of children with cancer with financial difficulties, and provides support in understanding the complex health system by means of consultation sessions to identify the priorities and needs of this group.

*Canadian Cancer Action Network* works with health professionals, caregivers, and patients to help build Canadian cancer control programs by publishing informative material on care, advances, technology, and challenges.

*Canadian Cancer Action Network* executes its projects with funds from the Canadian Partnership Against Cancer Corporation (CPAC), Canadian Cancer Society, Eli Lilly Canada, and the Members Fund, made up of contributions from partners and temporary subsidies.

*Canadian Cancer Action Network* submitted its request for registration with the OAS on June 23, 2015.

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

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Chair: Lynette Hillier

Chief Executive Officer: Marjorie Morrison

Date of establishment: March 5, 2008

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

*Canadian Cancer Action Network* works in the areas of human rights, health, and cancer patient care. The primary areas of activity and contributions of the organization that could be of interest to the OAS include:

- Facilitating dialogue and commitment among the patient community, caregivers, and health care providers to contribute to the regional discussion and provide information on the needs, requirements, and conditions of those affected by cancer, and their families.
- Advocating for the rights of vulnerable groups to ensure universal and equitable access to health, in keeping with the Canadian Human Rights Act.
- Promoting work with civil society organizations to facilitate collaboration and the sharing of information on assistance strategies and models in the health and cancer areas.
- Working to protect the physical, mental, and social dignity of those affected by cancer, and their families, ensuring their wellbeing and quality of life through public policy design.

**4. Identification of potential areas of collaboration with the OAS**

*Canadian Cancer Action Network* offers to collaborate with the OAS in the following areas:

- Providing assistance to the Inter-American Council for Integral Development (CIDI) by sharing information and inputs on, and experiences of human rights and health-related matters in the Hemisphere;
- Contributing to the Department of International Law (DIL) in implementing the Inter-American Convention against All Forms of Discrimination and Intolerance by raising awareness in the member states and sharing experiences and progress reports in this area;
- Supporting activities of the Inter-American Social Protection Network by contributing reports and research studies, and disseminating programs and activities benefiting those affected by cancer; and
- Participating in hemispheric debates in this area that are open to civil society and forwarding recommendations to the OAS member states as input for events such as OAS General Assembly sessions, Permanent Council meetings, and IACHR periods of sessions, among others.

**5. Documents submitted by the CSO to the OAS**

- Letter addressed to the OAS Secretary General, dated June 23, 2015
- Mission statement
- Sources of financing in 2014
- Open letter
- Articles of incorporation
- Bylaws
- Annual report 2014