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APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 6 OF THE  
GUIDELINES FOR PARTICIPATION BY CIVIL SOCIETY  
ORGANIZATIONS IN OAS ACTIVITIES [CP/RES. 759 (1217/99)]

*[Native Women's Association of Canada]*



ANALYSIS OF THE ELEMENTS RELATED TO THE PARTICIPATION OF NATIVE  
WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION OF CANADA IN THE REGISTRATION PROCESS OF CIVIL  
SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS IN OAS ACTIVITIES

This document was prepared by the Summits of the Americas Secretariat to provide Member States with information on *Native Women's Association of Canada* pursuant to resolution CP/RES. 759 (1217/99), "Guidelines for the Participation of Civil Society Organizations in OAS Activities". The document contains the basic data and a list of supporting documentation presented by the Native Women's Association of Canada, in accordance with the aforementioned guidelines.

1. Background

The *Native Women's Association of Canada (NWAC)* is a National Indigenous Organization representin the political voice of the Indigenous women, girls and gender diverse people in Canada, inclusive of First Nations on and off reserves, status and non-status, disenfranchised, Metis and Inuit.

*NWAC* engages in national and international advocacy aimed at legislative and policy reforms that promote equality for its constituents. Through advocacy, policy and legislative analysis, the association works to preserve Indigenous culture and advance the well-being of all Indigenous women, girls and gender-diverse people as well as their families and communities.

The Native Women's Association of Canada participates in different international events to ensure Canadian Indigenous voices are heard in relevant discussion at all levels.

The Native Women's Association of Canada is an entity with ECOSOC status at the UN.

The *Native Women's Association of Canada* funds its operations through Basset Scholarship Fund, Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada, Agriculture Canada, Canadian Institute of Health Research, Chief Electoral Office, Environment Canada, Heritage Canada, Human Resources Skills and Development Canada, National Aboriginal Organizations, Public Health Agency of Canada and Status of Women.

The Native Women's Association of Canada submitted its application on March, 23 2019.

2. Name, address, and date of establishment

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Executive Officer: Lynne Groulx

Date established: 13<sup>th</sup> November 1974

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

The Native Women's Association of Canada works on a variety of issues of direct relevance to the human right mandate, including issues relating to health, violence prevention, safety, justice and human rights, environment, as well as employment, labour and business for indigenous women and girls in the country.

The Native Women's Association of Canada represents the political voice of indigenous women, girls, and gender diverse people in Canada.

The Native Women's Association of Canada seeks to solve problems and to promote an interest regarding native Indian women as well as their families and communities across Canada.

4.. 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

- Contribute to the work of the Department of Social Inclusion on matters of inclusion of indigenous Peoples.
- Contribute with the Rapporteuships on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, Rights of Women, Rights of the Child, Human Rights Defender and the Rights of Lesbian, Gay, Trans, Bisexual and Intersex Persons.
- Share information with the Inter-American Commission of Women, the Inter-American Children's Institute and the Inter-American Institute of Human Rights.
- Provide expertise and experience on building cooperative partnerships between civil society.

6. Documents submitted by the CSO

- Letter addressed to the Secretary General dated March 23, 2019.
- Notarized Certificate of Incorporation and Articles of Incorporation
- Institutional mission
- Bylaws
- Consolidated financial statements for 2018
- Annual report for 2018