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APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION PRESENTED PURSUANT TO ITEM 6
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IN OAS ACTIVITIES [CP/RES. 759 (1217/99)]

[Comité Nacional Pro Defensa de la Fauna y Flora (CODEFF)]

ANALYSIS OF THE REQUEST BY *COMITÉ NACIONAL PRO DEFENSA DE LA FAUNA Y FLORA (CODEFF)* TO BE REGISTERED WITH 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 *Comité Nacional Pro Defensa de la Fauna y Flora (CODEFF)* [National Committee for the Defense of Fauna and Flora].

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 a list of data and documentation presented by *Comité Nacional Pro Defensa de la Fauna y Flora (CODEFF)* in accordance with the aforementioned Guidelines.

1. Background

Comité Nacional Pro Defensa de la Fauna y Flora (CODEFF) is a nongovernmental organization that was established on December 31, 1968, in Santiago, Chile, to promote the preservation of the environment and natural heritage in order to improve quality of life for the population.

In addition to its headquarters in Santiago, *CODEFF* has four regional offices in Aisén, Biobío, Maule and Valparaíso, which engage in activities that include analysis of environmental policy proposals and programs, monitoring and protection of the earth and animals, creation of forums for citizen participation, and environmental education.

CODEFF implemented the Albatross Task Force Chile project, aimed at reducing the bycatch of seabirds, such as albatrosses and petrels, in fishing activities. In collaboration with the Albatross Task Force, it conducted three exploratory voyages on which they identified situations in which seabirds were ensnared or killed. In order to raise awareness about their findings they produced a publication about ways to mitigate incidental takes of this type. In addition, a taxidermy workshop was held to educate professionals and technical staff from the *Instituto de Fomento Pesquero* [Fisheries Development Institute]; the second edition of the *Boletín Pacífico del Sur* [South Pacific Newsletter] was published; and a symposium entitled "Seabird Bycatch in Chile: Current Situation and Mitigation Experiences" was organized in September 2011 in the framework of the Tenth Chilean Ornithology Congress.

Since 1997, *CODEFF*, in partnership with BirdLife International, has helped to establish 33 protected areas covering some 100,000 hectares throughout the country, which provide the necessary data to identify critical sites for ensuring the long-term viability of natural bird populations. As a result, 212 important areas have been identified in Chile, including the Marisma Rocuant-Andalién Wetland where six migratory bird surveys and a waterfowl evaluation have been carried out since November 2011. A round table has also been held on its conservation.

In 1992, *CODEFF* and the Servicio Agrícola & Ganadero (SAG) [Agriculture and Livestock Service] of Chile signed an agreement for the creation of a Wildlife Rehabilitation Center (CRFS-

CODEFF) where some 150 confiscated animals (including birds, foxes, and lesser grisons) are cared for and rehabilitated each year.

CODEFF directs the Quillay Campaign in Chile's central zone with the aim of expanding the quillay tree's biomass, which is in decline. As part of this campaign, in 2012, *CODEFF* donated 36 quillay trees to the Municipality of El Bosque and assisted it in the design of a year-round strategy to preserve its sclerophyllus forest.

In 2012, *CODEFF* implemented the project *Conviviendo con nuestra fauna silvestre* [Living with Our Wildlife] under which it organized environmental education workshops at four schools to teach students and faculty members about coexisting with wildlife. At the end of that project a manual was published with details about the different species that exist in Chile and offering advice on different ways of coexisting with wildlife and nature.

CODEFF is funded through contributions from the Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development of Germany (BMZ), the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB), Frankfurt Zoological Society (FZS), Birdlife International, Global Greengrants Fund, and the Hollomon Price Foundation.

CODEFF submitted its application for registration with the OAS on October 24, 2012.

2. Name, address, and date of establishment

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Executive Director:	José Miguel Torrico
Date established:	December 31, 1968

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

CODEFF works for the conservation of fauna and flora in Chile. The main areas of activity and contributions of the CSO that may be of interest to the OAS include:

- Research projects and educational programs targeting government agencies and the general public to promote the preservation and protection of the environment; and
- Biodiversity protection through lobbying for the creation of wildfowl preserves, rehabilitation of confiscated animals, and studies on causes of death of seabirds.

4. Identification of potential areas of collaboration with the OAS

CODEFF proposes to support the OAS in the following areas:

- Offering recommendations to the Inter-American Committee on Sustainable Development (CIDS) of the Inter-American Council for Integral Development (CIDI) on implementation of the Inter-American Program for Sustainable Development (PIDS) (2010-2014), in keeping with the Declaration of Santo Domingo for the Sustainable Development of the Americas adopted in 2010 at the Second Inter-American Meeting of Ministers and High-Level Authorities on Sustainable Development;
- Working with the Department of Sustainable Development of the Executive Secretariat for Integral Development (DDS/SEDI), facilitating the exchange of information and experiences as well as strengthening civil society participation in the areas of environmental law, water resource management, and sustainable land management, in keeping with the Inter-American Strategy for Public Participation in Sustainable Development (ISP); and
- Supplying information and data to the Inter-American Biodiversity Information Network (IABIN) and taking part in meetings of the IABIN Council.

5. Documents submitted by the CSO to the OAS

- Letter addressed to the Secretary General, dated October 24, 2012
- Articles of incorporation
- Statutes
- Institutional mission statement
- Activities report for 2011
- Financial statements for 2011 (signed by Rudolf Thomann Gnadt, President and Legal Representative, and Bernardita Barahona, Accountant General of *CODEFF*)