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

[Corporación "La Esperanza" (CLE)]

ANALYSIS OF THE APPLICATION BY CORPORACIÓN LA ESPERANZA 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 *Corporación "La Esperanza."*

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 *Corporación "La Esperanza"* in accordance with the aforementioned Guidelines.

1. Background

Corporación "La Esperanza" (CLE) is a non-profit organization that was founded in Santiago, Chile, on April 11, 1996. CLE's mission is to contribute to the integral development of persons of limited means who use drugs and to prevent abuse of alcohol and any other psychoactive substance. CLE also seeks to influence the adoption of appropriate drug abuse control policies and programs.

CLE runs seven rehabilitation centers located in the cities of Santiago, Iquique, and Arica, which offer comprehensive free treatment to drug users and help them with social reintegration. CLE holds conferences and seminars to promote awareness of drug-related issues in schools, universities, and the workplace with the aim of preventing the use of hallucinogenic substances among youth and adults.

CLE obtains funds for its activities through projects carried out under contract to the National Drugs and Alcohol Service of the Chilean Interior Ministry and through contributions from the network of friends of the organization and *Organismo Técnicos de Capacitación La Esperanza*.

CLE applied for registration with the OAS on January 22, 2014.

2. <u>Name, address, and date of establishment</u>

Name of Organization: Corporación "La Esperanza"

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Santiago, Chile

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Website: www.corporacionesperanza.cl

Executive Director: Ana Luisa Jouanne Langlois

Date established: April 11, 1996

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

The main areas of activity and contributions of the CSO that could be of interest to the OAS include:

- To contribute to the psychosocial development of drug users and make educational and treatment programs available to them so as to assist them with the social reintegration process;
- To carry out awareness campaigns about the adverse effects of hallucinogenic substance use in education centers and the workplace and with civil society at large;
- To implement vocational training workshops for drug users who are undergoing treatment; and
- To encourage the adoption of public policies that help to strengthen State laws that
 adopt a multisectoral approach to the drug problem, with a view to introducing more
 efficient measures to control hallucinogenic substances, prevent abuse, and establish
 rehabilitation centers.

4. <u>Identification of potential areas of collaboration with the OAS</u>

CLE would like to work with the OAS in the following areas:

- Supporting the efforts of the Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission (CICAD) through prevention campaigns, treatment, rehabilitation, and control of drug supply.
- Contributing to the advancement of CICAD's Hemispheric Drug Strategy by promoting policies and actions to strengthen the fight against drugs and encourage early intervention, treatment, and social reintegration for drug users.
- Participating in meetings in order to present reports to CICAD on the human consequences of drug use and the importance of promoting the creation of rehabilitation centers in the Hemisphere's countries so as to enable early intervention for drug users; and

• Contributing to the dissemination of the "Report on the Drug Problem in the Americas" and promoting the importance of tackling the fight against drugs from a multidimensional perspective, as advocated in the Report.

5. <u>Documents submitted by the CSO to the OAS</u>

- Letter to the OAS Secretary General, dated January 22, 2014
- Articles of Incorporation
- Record of Adoption of bylaws
- Mission statement
- Annual report 2013
- Financial Statement for 2013