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Desarrollo Solidario Internacional (DSI)

**APPLICATION BY *DESARROLLO SOLIDARIO INTERNACIONAL* (DSI) TO
PARTICIPATE IN OAS ACTIVITIES PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 6 OF THE GUIDELINES
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This document was prepared by the Summits Secretariat to provide information to the OAS Committee on Inter-American Summits Management and Civil Society Participation in OAS Activities (CISC) on the civil society organization *Desarrollo Solidario Internacional* (DSI). The information contained herein is in response to resolution CP/RES. 759 (1217/99), "Guidelines for the Participation of Civil Society Organizations in OAS Activities," and includes a list of documentation presented by DSI in accordance with the aforementioned Guidelines.

1. Background

Desarrollo Solidario Internacional (DSI) is a not-for-profit organization that promotes integral human development, seeking to reduce poverty by promoting participatory, inclusive, and sustainable societies. DSI was formed in 2001 and incorporated in 2003. Its headquarters are in Santiago, Chile.

DSI works at the national and regional levels (Latin America and the Caribbean), conducting research, workshops, seminars, and lectures on human rights, regional development, virtual learning, and institution-building, among other topics. It has strategic alliances with international organizations for information-sharing and promoting joint events.

DSI derives its income from private funding sources, donations from the general public, educational events, and other civil society organizations. DSI also conducts projects co-funded by Chilean public agencies.

DSI submitted its application on May 1, 2007.

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

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Date of establishment: January 31, 2003

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

Desarrollo Solidario Internacional shares with the OAS goals pertaining to the promotion and protection of human rights and social and economic development. The areas of DSI's endeavors that are related to OAS activities include:

- Participating in the reform of regulations, legislation, and government policy on the development of civil society organizations to promote increased citizen participation;
- Fostering links between the government, private enterprise, the academic sector, and civil society to promote sustainable development at the local and regional levels;
- Promoting a culture of peace, based on the protection and promotion of human rights;
- Implementing programs and projects that foster community development to improve the population's quality of life.

4. CSO contributions that could be of interest to the OAS

As part of its work, DSI conducts a number of activities that could help the OAS fulfill its mission. Its activities are as follows:

- Research and documents aimed at promoting democracy and strengthening citizen participation in inter-American political processes;
- Forums, lectures, and workshops promoting social responsibility, strengthening social action to promote democracy and community participation in activities to benefit society;
- Networks of civil society organizations facilitating increased citizen presence in policy decision-making at the national and inter-American levels;
- Online meetings in rural communities to foster the use of information and communications technologies and related technologies in education for development;
- Workshops on youth, employment, enterprise, and the Internet in the most remote rural communities.

5. Identification of the OAS work areas in which the CSO undertakes to support ongoing activities or to make recommendations on the best way to achieve OAS objectives

DSI believes it could contribute to OAS efforts, especially in the areas of social development, citizen participation, democracy-building, and sustainable development, as follows:

- Supporting the work of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) by disseminating information on human, economic, social, cultural, and labor rights;

- Supporting the democracy-building initiatives of the Secretariat for Political Affairs (SPA);
- Supporting the Inter-American Committee on Social Development (CIDES) in the promotion of social development and anti-poverty programs;
- Supporting programs to improve the quality of life by working to raise the level of education regarding the environment, in conjunction with the Department of Sustainable Development of the Executive Secretariat for Integral Development (SEDI);
- Promoting the activities of the Department of Social Development and Employment of SEDI to generate new volunteer and employment opportunities, fostering civil society participation in activities to promote corporate social responsibility;
- Promoting civil society participation in monitoring and implementing the mandates of the Summits of the Americas, especially those related to social development, human rights, and democracy.

6. Documents submitted by the CSO to the OAS

- Letter to the OAS Secretary General, dated April 12, 2007
- Articles of incorporation (February 1, 2001)
- By-laws (February 1, 2001)
- Annual report for 2006
- Institutional mission statement
- Financial statements for 2006 (prepared by CPA Claudia Caño)