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

[Fundación Ideas]

ANALYSIS OF FACTORS RELATING TO THE APPLICATION BY *FUNDACIÓN IDEAS* 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 *Fundación Ideas*.

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 *Fundación Ideas* in accordance with the aforementioned Guidelines.

1. Background

Fundación Ideas is a nonprofit organization established on January 27, 1995 in Santiago, Chile. Its mission is to contribute to the strengthening of democracy and to the development of a culture of tolerance and nondiscrimination by promoting citizen participation and human rights, including the incorporation of a gender and youth perspective in the design of public policies.

Fundación Ideas' four areas of activity are: (1) gender, youth, and civic mindedness; (2) deliberative democracy; (3) tolerance and nondiscrimination; and (4) sustainable development and the environment. In each of these areas, it conducts educational and training programs and workshops for students, young leaders, indigenous peoples, immigrants and the representatives of a number of government and nongovernmental agencies.

Programs it is currently engaged in include: (1) The Young Leaders School for Development with Equity and Project Citizen, which seek to foster young people's involvement in democratic initiatives within their communities that incorporate a gender perspective; (2) The We Are All Immigrants project, aimed at facilitating the integration of immigrants in society and enhancing social awareness of migration (so far, more than 360 Andean migrants have received training in Santiago's Northern Zone); (3) The project entitled "Education and Citizen Participation for Community Management to Improve Local Living Conditions and protect the Environment. This projects seeks to promote the development of educational programs to enhance recognition and appreciation of the cultural and natural heritage among the communities in the Bernardo O' Higgins region; and (4) The Program known as the Inter-Cultural Dialogue between Arab and Jewish Youth in Chile, which is geared to fostering tolerance and nondiscrimination by forging an inclusive society that cherishes diversity.

Fundación Ideas pertains to the Inter-American Platform for Democracy, Development and Human Rights. It also acted as the Executive Secretariat of the Citizen's Conference against Racism, Xenophobia, Racial Discrimination and Other Related Forms of Intolerance. That program was sponsored by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, which facilitated the participation by civil society organizations of the Americas in the process leading up to the World Conference against Racism, held in Durban, South Africa, in 2001.

Fundación Ideas has financed its activities with funds from *Educar* Chile, the Regional Government program (GORE), the Metropolitan Government of Santiago, the Municipality of Concepción, Spain's International Cooperation Agency (AECI), the Institute for International Cooperation of the German Adult Education Association (IIZ/DVV), the Center for Civic Education, the Ford Foundation, and the Avina Foundation.

Fundación Ideas submitted its application to the OAS on May 25, 2010.

2. Name, address, and date of establishment

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President:	Francisco Vío Grossi
Date established:	January 27, 1995

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

Fundación Ideas strives to strengthen democracy by fostering citizen participation and democratic values in youth and by promoting human rights, tolerance, and nondiscrimination. Primary areas of activity and contributions that could be of interest to the OAS:

- Promotion of citizen participation in public policy formulation through training and educational programs and workshops for youth on democracy and the exercise of citizenship;
- The fostering of respect for cultural diversity by holding intercultural dialogue workshops and day seminars and by publishing and distributing newsletters promoting tolerance and nondiscrimination, and, in particular, the rights of immigrants; and

- Promotion of measures to protect the environment and the cultural heritage, including the implementation of environmental education and training programs and the production of briefing material aimed at contributing to sustainable local development and community self-management.

4. Identification of potential areas of collaboration with the OAS

Fundación Ideas would like to support the OAS in the following areas:

- Promoting the principles espoused in the Inter-American Democratic Charter and the OAS Charter;
- Putting forward recommendations for consideration by the member states during Inter-American Meetings of Ministers and Highest Appropriate Authorities of Culture and assisting the work of the Permanent Council pursuant to AG/RES. 2648 (XXXIX-O/09) 2011: 2011: Inter-American Year of Culture;
- Submitting recommendations to the Special Committee on Migration Issues (CEAM) of the OAS Permanent Council;
- Supporting the activities of the Rapporteurship on Migrant Workers and Their Families of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) by preparing reports on the rights of migrants in Chile;
- Presenting recommendations to the Working Group to Prepare a Draft Inter-American Convention against Racism and All Forms of Discrimination and Intolerance of the OAS Permanent Council's Committee on Juridical and Political Affairs (CAJP);
- Working with the Inter-American Commission of Women to advance its initiatives to promote gender equity in public policies;
- Offering technical assistance to the Department for Effective Public Management of the Secretariat for Political Affairs (SPA) in respect of its programs for strengthening democratic institutions and promoting citizen participation; and
- Supporting the activities of the Departments of Human Development, Education, and Culture (DHDEC) and Sustainable Development (DSD) of the Executive Secretariat for Integral Development (SEDI) aimed at implementing the Inter-American Program on Education for Democratic Values and Practices, cultural programs, and activities related to the execution of environmental protection projects and programs.

5. Documents submitted by the CSO to the OAS

- Letter to the OAS Secretary General, dated May 25, 2010
- Articles of Incorporation
- Statutes
- Institutional mission statement
- Activity report for 2009
- Financial statements for 2009 (audited by Angelico Ponce, Consultora Access S. A.)