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

[Organización de Transexuales por la Dignidad de la Diversidad (OTD)]

ANALYSIS OF FACTORS RELATING TO THE APPLICATION BY *ORGANIZACIÓN DE
TRANSEXUALES POR LA DIGNIDAD DE LA DIVERSIDAD* 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 *Organización de Transexuales por la Dignidad de la Diversidad (OTD)* (Organization of Transsexuals for the Dignity of Diversity).

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 *Organización de Transexuales por la Dignidad de la Diversidad (OTD)* in accordance with the aforementioned Guidelines.

1. Background

Organización de Transexuales por la Dignidad de la Diversidad (OTD) is a nonprofit organization founded on June 17, 2005, in Rancagua, Chile, for the purpose of promoting the human rights and equality of transsexual minorities.

Its mission is to serve as an educational cooperative in which transsexuals are respected and appreciated as human beings. OTD promotes the rights of sexual minorities as well as gender identity, the defense and protection of human rights, and citizen and community participation. It advocates for the comprehensive development of male transsexuals and their integration into society.

OTC has submitted recommendations to government bodies in Chile, intergovernmental organizations, and international conferences on the topics of social equality, health, fundamental rights, and rights of homosexuals, lesbians, and transsexuals. It is funded by membership dues, special event admission fees, and government grants.

Organización de Transexuales por la Dignidad de la Diversidad submitted its application to the OAS on March 22, 2009.

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

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Director:	Andrés Rivera Duarte
Date established:	June 17, 2005

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

OTD carries out its work to promote human rights, especially of vulnerable populations and groups, through educational, training, and community participation programs. Its activities are related to OAS activities in the following areas:

- Promotion of the protection of human rights, equality, and nondiscrimination through information workshops on transsexuality;
- Drafting of information documents, organization of meetings, and promotion of events on human rights issues in which broad segments of the population participate, especially sexual minorities; and
- Promotion of the comprehensive development of transsexuals in their relations among themselves and with society.

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

Its contributions to the OAS would focus on:

- Educational programs for groups of people on topics related to citizen participation and the promotion and protection of human rights, with an emphasis on vulnerable groups and sexual minorities;
- Meetings for socialization purposes and for the discussion of topics relating to the protection of the rights of sexual minorities;
- Establishment of networks that further human dignity and the dignity of transsexuals;
- Development and publication of educational materials for at-risk groups and civil servants, with an emphasis on transsexuality; and
- Promotion of integral development and increased citizen participation on government policies by male transsexuals.

5. 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

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

- Support for the activities of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) in the promotion and protection of human rights, with an emphasis on vulnerable population groups, and submission of recommendations to the Organization's political bodies on the topic of human rights and protection of vulnerable populations;

- Dissemination of information on the efforts of the Committee on Juridical and Political Affairs (CAJP) of the OAS Permanent Council to draft an inter-American convention against racial discrimination and intolerance, promoting a reduction of violence and crime;
- Preparation of studies for the OAS General Secretariat on human rights and vulnerable groups, especially sexual minorities; and
- Support for the work of the Department of International Affairs of the Secretariat for External Relations in its activities relating to citizen participation.

6. Documents submitted by the CSO to the OAS

- Letter to the OAS Secretary General, dated December 26, 2008
- Articles of incorporation, June 17, 2005
- Record of adoption of the Statute, June 17, 2005
- Annual report 2006-2009
- Financial statements 2007-2009