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APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN OAS ACTIVITIES PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 6  
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IN OAS ACTIVITIES [CP/RES. 759 (1217/99)]

*[Organización No Gubernamental de Desarrollo, Educación,  
Investigación y Cultura EKOSOL (ONG EKOSOL)]*

ANALYSIS OF FACTORS RELATING TO THE APPLICATION BY *ORGANIZACIÓN NO GUBERNAMENTAL DE DESARROLLO, EDUCACIÓN, INVESTIGACIÓN Y CULTURA EKOSOL* (*ONG EKOSOL*) 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 No Gubernamental de Desarrollo, Educación, Investigación y Cultura EKOSOL* (*ONG EKOSOL*).

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 summary and a list of data and documentation presented by *Organización No Gubernamental de Desarrollo, Educación, Investigación y Cultura EKOSOL* (*ONG EKOSOL*) in accordance with the aforementioned Guidelines.

**1. Background**

*Organización No Gubernamental de Desarrollo, Educación, Investigación y Cultura EKOSOL* (*ONG EKOSOL*) is a non-profit organization founded in Viña del Mar, Chile on May 20, 2002. Its goals are to promote the rights of those most at risk, sustainable development, protection of the environment, and raise awareness of local culture.

*ONG EKOSOL* implements programs on social education, research, participatory action, and mentoring for social groups affected by situations that violate their rights, in particular children, women, the elderly, members of rural communities, and workers.

*ONG EKOSOL* has financed its activities through voluntary contributions from its members; revenues from its projects; and contributions from the Regional Government of Valparaíso, the Municipalities of Viña del Mar, Valparaíso, and Villa Alemana, *Servicio Nacional de la Mujer*, Quilpué Hospital, the MERCOSUR Social and Solidarity Program (PMSS), *Fundación para la Superación de la Pobreza*, and the Fund for Development of Culture and the Arts (FONDAR), among others.

*ONG EKOSOL* submitted its application to the OAS on December 20, 2007.

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

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Date established: May 20, 2002

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

*ONG EKOSOL* promotes children's rights and early childhood development, environmental conservation, protection of human rights, and women's influence on policy and social issues, as well as preservation of cultural heritage in Viña del Mar, Chile. The primary areas of activity of *ONG EKOSOL* that could tie in with OAS activities include:

- Promotion of children's rights and education through training workshops designed to educate and encourage childhood expression, child proactivity in their spaces of development, and monitoring of their rights;
- Awareness raising among young people and adults about environmental protection methods through production of campaign materials and seminars and workshops on environmental stewardship, biodiversity, and recycling;
- Raising community awareness of local cultural heritage through the development of maps and routes of historical and cultural interest in the city, re-enactment of stories from local historical lore; theatrical productions, and production of cultural videos; and
- Strengthening of women's rights and participation in design and implementation of local policies and projects, as well as seminars and training courses on leadership, gender mainstreaming, and campaigns against violence against women.

**4. 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**

*ONG EKOSOL* would like to work with the OAS in the following areas:

- Support the programs of the Inter-American Children's Institute (IIN) aimed at building a culture of rights and well-being for children and adolescents in the Americas;
- Collaborate with the Department of Human Development, Education, and Culture (DDHEC) of the Executive Secretariat for Integral Development (SEDI), particularly

with its programs on early childhood development and preservation and protection of cultural heritage;

- Offer recommendations to the Inter-American Committee on Culture (CIC) on best practices for preservation of cultural heritage and participate in the Inter-American Meetings of Ministers of Culture and Highest Appropriate Authorities;
- Share sustainable development and environmental protection methods in cooperation with the Department of Sustainable Development (DSD) of the Executive Secretariat for Integral Development (SEDI);
- Support the work of the Inter-American Commission of Women (CIM); contribute recommendations on advancement of women's participation in economic, political, social, and cultural development; and raise awareness about the Inter-American Convention on the Prevention, Punishment, and Eradication of Violence against Women "Convention of Belém do Pará"; and
- Raise awareness and support the work of the Rapporteurship on the Rights of Women of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR).

**5. Documents submitted by the CSO to the OAS**

- Letter to the OAS Secretary General, December 20, 2007
- Articles of incorporation
- Statute
- Institutional mission statement
- Annual report 2007, 2009
- Financial statements 2006, 2009 (audited by Carola Rojas Huerta, Accountant)