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PARTICIPATION BY CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS  
IN OAS ACTIVITIES [CP/RES. 759 (1217/99)]

(CHILE TRANSPARENTE, THE CHILEAN CHAPTER OF TRANSPARENCY  
INTERNATIONAL)

ANALYSIS OF FACTORS RELATED TO THE APPLICATION BY  
*CHILE TRANSPARENTE, THE CHILEAN CHAPTER OF TRANSPARENCY INTERNATIONAL*  
TO PARTICIPATE IN OAS ACTIVITIES

This document was prepared by the Summits Secretariat to provide member states of the Organization of American States (OAS) with information on the civil society organization (CSO) *Chile Transparente, the Chilean Chapter of Transparency International (Chile Transparente)*.

The information contained in this report is in response to resolution CP/RES. 759 (1217/99), "Guidelines for the Participation of Civil Society Organizations in OAS Activities." This document contains a summary and a list of supporting documentation presented by Chile Transparente in accordance with the aforementioned Guidelines.

1. Background

*Chile Transparente* is a civil society organization founded in 1998 as the national chapter of Transparency International. It undertakes innovative actions in the fight against corruption and promotes accountability.

Its functions include the generation of educational projects in probity and transparency, creating awareness of the social and economic benefits of transparency and probity, generating transparency in the public sector and in business, and exerting influence over the generation and enforcement of transparency and probity rules and regulations.

*Chile Transparente* receives funding from a number of organizations, especially *Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria Chile (BBVA)*, *Compañía Sudamericana de Vapores S.A. (CSAV)*, *Compañía Tecno Industrial (CTI)*, *Compañía de Telecomunicaciones de Chile S.A. (CTC)*, *Egon Zehnder internacional*, and other entities related to *Chile Transparente*. The organization comprises a board of directors, an advisory council, associate members (*miembros cooperadores*), partners, and the institution's staff. *Chile Transparente* also works with assistance from persons and organizations who volunteer their help.

*Chile Transparente* filed its application with the OAS on April 19, 2006.

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

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Date established: 5 June 2002

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

*Chile Transparente* works to defend and promote anti-corruption efforts, democracy, civic participation, transparency, civil society participation, and corporate ethics, by:

- Engaging in activities designed to promote transparency and probity-related practices in public and private institutions in order to achieve greater access to information.
- Generating educational projects for citizens, the public sector, and the business sector in order to create awareness of the social and economic benefits of transparency and probity.
- Encouraging insight into corruption as an obstacle to development and undertaking various activities to ensure that that insight is reflected in public policies.
- Engaging in activities designed to influence the generation and enforcement of transparency and probity-related rules and regulations; identifying, denouncing, and combating corruption; and monitoring legislative measures and denunciations.

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

*Chile Transparente* can contribute to OAS anti-corruption efforts through the following activities:

- Holding workshops on access to information; transparency and probity; transparency in public affairs, institutional soundness, and ethics;
- Organizing activities to promote transparency and ethics in business;
- Encouraging enterprises in Chile to enter into a commitment with *Chile Transparente* to adopt its principles and standards, thereby becoming Associate Members.
- Conducting an analysis of Chilean legislation and its influence on the issue of transparency and probity; receiving and triggering requests for information, dialogue, and/or complaints by the public.
- Conducting research on perceptions of corruption in Chile with a view to publishing and disseminating the findings in a comprehensive corruption report and corruption index;

- Giving a presentation on the Perception of Corruption Index and the National Barometer Project in Chile;
- Following-up on commitments undertaken by Chile upon signing the Inter-American Convention against Corruption (CICC) and promoting compliance with the United Nations Convention against Corruption; and
- Strengthening relations with *Transparency International* and its network of chapters in Latin America and the Caribbean (TILAC).

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

*Chile Transparente* believes that it can contribute to OAS efforts to fight corruption and to promote transparency and democracy, by:

- Promoting and publicizing the fulfillment of commitments assumed by Chile in the Inter-American Convention against Corruption (CICC), by supporting the Follow-up Mechanism for the Implementation of the Inter-American Convention against Corruption (MESICIC) and the Inter-American Program for Cooperation in the Fight against Corruption;
- Identifying shortcomings with respect to fulfillment of the obligations imposed by the Inter-American Convention against Corruption (CICC) and putting forward recommendations through the Report Card on Conventions for the Americas project;
- Supporting and publicizing the Inter-American Democratic Charter by means of initiatives designed to strengthen and defend democracy, as well as joint efforts to combat corruption with the Department for the Promotion of Democracy of the Secretariat for Political Affairs;
- Promoting the participation of civil society in the follow-up to and implementation of the Summits of the Americas mandates; contributing to the strengthening of democracy and the fight against corruption through the Summits Secretariat;
- Supporting efforts by the Inter-American Program on Education for Democratic Values and Practices to promote transparency, probity, greater efficiency, and democratic education with the support of the Department of Education and Culture of the Executive Secretariat for Integral Development (SEDI);
- Supporting and backing actions undertaken by the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) with respect to equal protection of the law, access to justice, freedom of expression, the right to receive information, freedom of association, and the right to petition; and
- Participating in the Summits of the Americas process through Summits Secretariat activities.

6. Documents submitted by the CSO to the OAS

- Letter addressed to the Secretary General of the OAS, dated April 21, 2006
- Letter of Incorporation and Statutes 2002
- Proceedings of the Special Session of the General Assembly 2005
- Strategic Planning April 2006
- 2005 Financial Statements (audited by KPMG Auditores Consultores Ltda.)
- 2005 Annual Report