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APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION PRESENTED PURSUANT TO ITEM 6
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ORGANIZATIONS IN OAS ACTIVITIES [CP/RES. 759 (1217/99)]

[Fundación América Solidaria]

ANALYSIS OF ELEMENTS FOR REGISTRATION BY *FUNDACIÓN AMÉRICA SOLIDARIA* TO PARTICIPATE IN OAS ACTIVITIES

This document was prepared by the Relations with Civil Society Section of the Secretariat for Access to Rights and Equity to provide information to the member states of the Organization of American States (OAS) on the civil society organization *Fundación América Solidaria*.

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 includes a summary and a list of documentation presented by *Fundación América Solidaria*, in accordance with the aforementioned Guidelines.

1. Background

Fundación América Solidaria is a non-profit organization established on October 6, 2014, in Santiago, Chile, to build cooperation networks across the nations of the Americas so as to strengthen local projects with volunteer professionals. The aim is to improve quality of life of the Hemisphere’s poorest and most marginalized people.

América Solidaria seeks to reduce poverty and promote social inclusion of vulnerable populations, particularly children and young people.

América Solidaria works in the following areas:

- Education: through educational projects to reduce violent domestic behavior and improve the level of schooling for children in vulnerable communities;
- Access to basic services: through projects to improve access to drinking water in informal settlements and by creating platforms for redistribution of food to nursing mothers and older persons;
- Family economic development: through neighborhood programs to strengthen the role of the family in integrated development by creating community gardens and education support programs.

América Solidaria’s working model for “promoting volunteering in poor communities” was featured in the 2015 United Nations *State of the World’s Volunteerism Report*. Some 33,000 individuals a year benefit from the work of the organization, which is active in 14 nations of the Americas: Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Nicaragua, Peru, United States, and Uruguay.

América Solidaria funds its activities with resources from corporate and individual donations, in addition to honoraria provided by the local offices of *América Solidaria*.

Fundación América Solidaria applied for registration with the OAS on May 11, 2016.

2. Name, address, and date of establishment

Name of Organization: Fundación América Solidaria

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Email address: info@americasolidaria.org

Website: <http://www.americasolidaria.org>

President: Benito Baranda Ferrán

Date established: October 6, 2014

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

Fundación América Solidaria strives to help build a Hemisphere of greater justice and solidarity to overcome poverty and exclusion. Its primary areas of activity and contributions that could be of interest to the OAS include:

- Promoting integral development for vulnerable families by prioritizing the human rights of children and adolescents through strategic regional partnerships and volunteering;
- Developing solutions to improve environmental conditions for families with limited access to water;
- Carry out activities to raise awareness about the importance of education in preventing school dropout levels and in eradicating child labor;
- Facilitating the participation of civil society groups in the OAS General Assembly and at the Summits of the Americas and other forums organized by the Organization of American States.

4. Identification of potential areas of collaboration with the OAS

Fundación América Solidaria proposes to collaborate with the OAS in the following areas:

- Promoting the principles of the Inter-American Democratic Charter, especially those related to strengthening democracy and protecting human rights in the region, through community programs on productivity and education;

- Contributing to the Inter-American Children's Institute's (IIN) work in formulating public policies aimed at improving living conditions for children and adolescents;
- Collaborating with the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights' Rapporteurship on the Rights of the Child, by promoting respect for the rights of children and adolescents in the Americas;
- Supporting the Inter-American Committee on Social Development (CIDES), of the Inter-American Council for Integral Development (CIDI), by promoting education as a pillar of integral development and poverty reduction;
- Participating in hemispheric debates and activities of the OAS with civil society and submitting recommendations to OAS member states that could serve as inputs for events such as the OAS General Assembly, meetings of the Permanent Council and its committees, sessions of the IACHR, and so on.

5. Documents submitted to the OAS

- Letter to the OAS Secretary General, dated May 11, 2016
- Articles of incorporation
- Statutes
- Mission and vision statement
- 2016 Management Report
- 2016 Financial Statement