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

[*Centro de Estudios y Capacitación Cooperativa R.L. (CENECOOP R.L.)*]

ANALYSIS OF FACTORS RELATED TO THE APPLICATION BY
CENTRO DE ESTUDIOS Y CAPACITACIÓN COOPERATIVA R.L.
TO PARTICIPATE IN OAS ACTIVITIES

This document was prepared by the Department of International Affairs / Secretariat for External Relations to provide the member states of the Organization of American States (OAS) with information on the civil society organization (CSO) *Centro de Estudios y Capacitación Cooperativa R.L. (CENECOOP R.L.)*

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 *Centro de Estudios y Capacitación Cooperativa R.L.* in accordance with the aforementioned Guidelines.

1. Background

CENECOOP R.L. is non-profit organization founded on December 22, 1982, in San José, Costa Rica, for the purpose of promoting human resource development in cooperatives to strengthen their competitiveness, in keeping with the principles and values of cooperatives.

CENECOOP R.L.'s mission is to work as a cooperative organization in education, training, and research on, and dissemination of, the cooperative model, and technology transfer for the national cooperative movement of Costa Rica, committed to quality of service and ongoing improvement of training techniques. *CENECOOP R.L.* works with the regional unions, which together have identified the training needs of the cooperatives in their area of influence and have their assistance in implementing all courses scheduled.

In 2008, *CENECOOP R.L.* coordinated two training programs: one in conjunction with the Confederation of Cooperatives of the Caribbean and Central America and the other with saving and loan sector federations, represented by the *Federación de Cooperativas de Ahorro y Crédito de Costa Rica R.L.*, which seeks to bring to this sector training more tailored to its needs and specific characteristics. *CENECOOP R.L.* receives contributions of public funds and from international cooperation, as well as from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), *el Instituto Centroamericano de Administración de Empresas*, and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

Centro de Estudios y Capacitación Cooperativa R.L. submitted its application to the OAS on February 12, 2009.

2. Name, address, and date of establishment

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Date of incorporation: September 23, 1998

3. Primary area of activity of the CSO and its relationship to OAS activities

Centro de Estudios y Capacitación Cooperativa R.L. develops research, education, and training programs in the cooperative area for members, leaders, administrators, and workers of the national and international cooperative movement and others persons involved in it. To that end, it promotes and develops education programs, such as distance and attendance-based courses, which are made available to the local population. *CENECOOP R.L.* works in different areas related to OAS activities, among them:

- Promotion of training and education for the peoples of the Americas;
- Promotion of cooperation relations and coordination with different national and international public and private entities to ensure that optimal advantage is taken of research, educational, and training opportunities; and
- Promotion of the development of research and educational and training programs on the cooperative movement to contribute to economic and social development and job creation.

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

Centro de Estudios y Capacitación Cooperativa R.L. executes projects that contribute to educational development and strengthen business administration in the area of cooperatives for their members, leaders, administrative personnel, and workers. The organization has worked in business development to provide support for the integral development process.

Centro de Estudios y Capacitación Cooperativa R.L. can assist and contribute to OAS interests through the following activities:

- Creation of cooperative business development and entrepreneurship programs. Such programs have included training seminars, conferences, and youth and women's entrepreneurship projects;

- Design of dialogue on cooperatives that enables current issues related to the cooperative movement and the community in general to be learned, internalized, and discussed by the public; and
- Development and implementation of new tools, technologies, and methodologies to promote education and the strengthening and linkage of communities with the cooperative movement.

5. **Identification of OAS work areas**

Centro de Estudios y Capacitación Cooperativa R.L. considers that it can contribute to OAS efforts in the following areas:

- Providing support for the activities of the Executive Secretariat for Integral Development (SEDI) to promote and expand education programs that improve the quality of life of the citizens of the Americas;
- Making recommendations to the political organs of the Organization in the business education area;
- Providing support for program preparation by the Departments of Social Development and Employment and of Education and Culture of the OAS by promoting dialogue on labor, social, and entrepreneurship development; and
- Facilitating the coordination of actions with other national and international organizations in designing and implementing policies and programs to develop human capital in the member states.

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

- Letter addressed to the Secretary General of the OAS, dated February 11, 2009
- Incorporation documents of December 22, 1982
- Articles of incorporation of September 23, 1998
- 2007/2008 annual report
- Financial statements for 2008, signed by Stefano Aria Ocampo and Yamileth Cambroner Montero