PERMANENT COUNCIL OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES

COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SOCIETY PARTICIPATION IN OAS ACTIVITIES

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

(Foundation for Housing Promotion)

FOUNDATION FOR HOUSING PROMOTION

This document has been prepared by the Office of Summit Follow-up. Its objective is to provide information on the *Foundation for Housing Promotion [Fundación Promotora de Vivienda]*. It includes an analysis and a listing of the information and documentation submitted pursuant to the Guidelines for Participation by Civil Society Organizations in OAS Activities.

1. Background:

The Foundation for Housing Promotion is a private development organization specializing in housing matters. It has a wealth of experience in the area of community building. It is registered with the Federal College of Engineers and Architects as a construction/consulting company.

It submitted its application on March 30, 2001.

2. Name, address, and date of establishment of the organization:

Name: Fundación Promotora de Vivienda (FUPROVI)

Address: 200 mts oeste, antiguo Colegio Saint Clare

AP 1231-1002, Paseo de los Estudiantes

San José, Costa Rica

Date of establishment: June 17, 1987

3. Primary area of activity and relationship to OAS activities:

FUPROVI is a housing organization. It contributes to the improvement of the quality of life of low-income sectors in the area of housing, through innovative products and services.

4. Contributions of the organization that could be of interest to the OAS:

FUPROVI seeks to promote the development of housing programs through assisted self-construction, mutual assistance and self-help; to promote the improvement of the financial conditions of families, thereby increasing their earning power; to enhance the organization, participation, and training of the sectors targeted so that they can have a better capacity for management and negotiation in terms of the definition of policy and transfer and use of resources, and in order to democratize decision-making processes at the local and community levels.

5. <u>Identification of OAS areas of work:</u>

Because of its experience, technical capacity, and management from the time of its establishment, FUPROVI believes that it can make a major contribution to the identification and search for solutions to problems facing the countries of the Hemisphere, particularly in the area of economic and social rights, specifically those related to housing and participation. In addition, its specific mission is to support the improvement of the environment of the communities that participate directly or indirectly in the general activities of FUPROVI.

6. <u>Documentation submitted to the OAS</u>:

- Charter and Statutes
- Institutional Mission Statement
- 1999 Annual Report
- 2000 Balance Sheet and Financial Statement