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

[*Asociación ALFIL*]

## ANALYSIS OF ELEMENTS FOR REGISTRATION BY *ASOCIACIÓN ALFIL* 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 *Asociación ALFIL* (ALFIL Association).

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 list of documentation submitted by *Asociación ALFIL* in accordance with the aforementioned Guidelines.

### **1. Background**

*Asociación ALFIL* was established on March 7, 2005 in Quito, Ecuador, as a not-for-profit organization with a mission to contribute to the recognition of the right to sexual diversity and to help strengthen civil society to influence the conduct of public policies on the issue.

The Association defends the demand for rights by people discriminated against based on sexual orientation, gender identity, or disease; or socio-economic status, among other factors, by working with the community, organizing workshops and events with public or private bodies and universities to raise awareness about human rights and challenges encountered, such as sexually-transmitted diseases.

ALFIL promotes human rights, by engaging especially with transgender persons locally, nationally, and internationally. It also seeks to influence public policies on HIV-AIDS issues by providing civil society with information on the subject.

*ALFIL* seeks to create platforms for fair and inclusive dialogue to influence public policies in Ecuador, especially as regards matters related to protection for transgender persons and the fight against discrimination based on sexual identity.

The Association collaborates with civil society organizations nationwide to promote human rights defense campaigns and initiatives such as “*Mi género en mi cedula*” (My gender on my ID card), which seeks to get gender included on citizenship cards. It also supports HIV-AIDS prevention-related health fairs; and promotes artistic, educational, publicity campaigns, among other things.

*Asociación ALFIL* finances its activities with funds from the Foundation for AIDS Research (AMFAR) and the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (GFATM), among other organizations.

*ALFIL* applied for registration with the OAS on September 15, 2016.

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

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President: Ricardo Javier Erazo Chamorro

Date established: March 7, 2005

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

*Asociación ALFIL* seeks to get the right to the sexual diversity recognized and to strengthen the civil society to influence the conduct of public policies. The primary areas of activity and contributions by *Asociación ALFIL* that could be of interest to the OAS include:

- Training and promotion focused on the rights of transgender persons through coordination and launching of HIV/AIDS and sexual and reproductive health awareness workshops, as well as discussions on civil and constitutional rights of LGBTI persons;
- Coordination of conferences and discussions on sexual diversity issues through strategic partnerships with local governments, ministries, universities, and public or private institutions;
- Addressing problems identified in vulnerable communities, especially the transgender community, through free care at clinics or distribution of prevention materials to combat sexually-transmitted diseases;
- Dialogue with public officials with a view to influencing public policies to benefit transgender people.

**4. Identification of potential areas of collaboration with the OAS**

*Asociación ALFIL* would like to work with the OAS in the following areas:

- Working together with the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR), in particular its Rapporteurship on the Rights of LGBTI Persons, to promote public policies that defend the human rights of persons discriminated against because of sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression;
- Supporting efforts by the Inter-American Commission of Women (CIM) to protect women living with HIV/AIDS, through national disease status reports, and raising civil society awareness about the issue;
- Promoting the principles of the Inter-American Democratic Charter, especially those related to democracy promotion and human rights protection in the region, through training workshops in local communities;
- Participating in the hemispheric debates and activities of the OAS with civil society and remitting 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, IACHR sessions, and so on.

**5. Documents submitted to the OAS**

- Letter to the OAS Secretary General, dated September 15, 2016
- Ministerial Agreement granting Asociación ALFIL legal status
- Statutes
- Mission Statement
- Management Report for 2015
- Financial Statements 2015