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

[Centro de Investigación de la Comunicación Colectiva del Ecuador (CIDCCE)]

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION CONCERNING THE *CENTRO DE INVESTIGACIÓN DE LA COMUNICACIÓN COLECTIVA DEL ECUADOR* (CIDCCE)

This document was prepared by the Secretariat for the Summit Process to provide information to member countries of the Organization of American States on the civil society organization *Centro de Investigación de la Comunicación Colectiva del Ecuador* (“Collective Communication Research Center of Ecuador” (CIDCCE).

It contains basic data and a list of supporting documentation submitted by this civil society organization pursuant to resolution CP/RES.759 (1217/99), “Guidelines for the Participation of Civil Society Organizations in OAS Activities.”

1. Background

The *Centro de Investigación de la Comunicación Colectiva del Ecuador* (“Collective Communication Research Center of Ecuador” (CIDCCE) is a not-for-profit nongovernmental organization with the stated goal of identifying ties between the communications media and processes of social, political, educational, and ethnocultural development. The organization’s headquarters is in Quito, Ecuador.

CIDCCE directs its activities toward strengthening democracy in Ecuador through its electoral system; reclaiming and consolidating a culture of peace and of ethical and civic values; promoting and defending human rights; citizen participation and accountability within local governments; and training human rights defenders and community mediators. The organization conducts research into the effects of social communication on anticorruption efforts and on economic and social development; it fosters awareness of intercultural issues, environmental affairs, and education; it promotes the fight against poverty, exclusion, and drug trafficking; it supports the modernization of the administration of justice, the fight against impunity, and legal security for the press.

CIDCCE works by means of cooperation projects with various agencies, such as the Democracy and Justice Fund of the Esquel Foundation (Ecuador) and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).

CIDCCE submitted its registration application to the OAS on April 19, 2005.

2. Name, address, and date of establishment:

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

CIDCCE's main area is conducting research and studies into the mass media as a part of Ecuador's processes of economic, social, political, cultural, and educational development. Thus, the working areas of *CIDCCE* are related to the activities of the OAS in:

- Developing programs for the defense and consolidation of democracy and the electoral system in Ecuador, such as those that address accountability and citizen participation.
- Promoting and defending human rights, by working to train human rights defenders and promoters and community mediators.
- Providing legal and technical advice in cases of human rights violations suffered by members of indigenous peoples and organizations.
- Fostering economic development through research into the effects of communication in that area.
- Encouraging anticorruption efforts and the modernization of the justice administration by exploring the influence that the communications media can bring to bear in that field.

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

CIDCCE believes that its involvement in OAS activities could help identify ties between processes of social, political, educational, and ethnocultural development in Ecuador and in the region as a whole. *CIDCCE* can contribute to the OAS by means of the following:

- Developing programs for the defense and consolidation of democracy and the electoral system in Ecuador, together with accountability and citizen participation.
- Channeling information on the OAS's programs, principles, and resolutions through the Center's news agency, CNE.
- Promoting the participation of those journalists and professionals from various scientific fields who are Center members and who agree with the aim of building a region based on solidarity, participation, democratic principles, and real social justice.

5. OAS work areas to which the CSO can provide support

CIDCCE offers to work with the OAS in the areas of promoting human rights, economic and social development, strengthening democracy, and indigenous peoples. *CIDCCE* will support the work of the OAS in the following ways:

- Assisting the Working Group to Prepare the Proposed American Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples regarding the human rights of the indigenous peoples of the Americas. *CIDCCE* also could also assist with implementing the Plan of Action of the Summits of the Americas in the field of indigenous affairs, specifically through the dissemination of cultural expressions and traditions and helping empower community bases.
- Working with the Office for the Promotion of Democracy (OPD) of the OAS's Department of Democratic and Political Affairs (DADP) to promote democratic values and principles, focusing particularly on young people. *CIDCCE* could also support the Office in developing strategies for the modernization and development of electoral institutions and regimes and for the implementation of civic participation programs to enhance the accountability of local governments.
- Supporting the Office for the Prevention and Resolution of Conflicts of the OAS's Department of Democratic and Political Affairs (DADP) in the development and implementation of mechanisms for dialogue and for preventing and resolving conflicts, particularly at the community level.
- Working with the Office of Education, Science, and Technology of the OAS's Executive Secretariat for Integral Development (SEDI) on the development of programs to encourage a better understanding and enhanced appreciation of the importance of cultural and linguistic diversity in the Americas.

- Assisting the Office of Inter-American Law and Programs of the OAS's Department of Legal Affairs and Services in the implementation of the mandates handed down by the Meetings of Ministers of Justice or of Ministers or Attorneys General of the Americas, specifically as regards modernizing justice systems and anticorruption efforts.

6. Documents submitted by the CSO

- Letter addressed to the Secretary General of April 19, 2004.
- Deed of incorporation
- Statutes
- List of funding sources
- Annual report of activities, 2004
- Institutional mission statement