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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)]

[Corporación de Estudios Económicos, Analíticos y Sociales (CEEAS)]

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION CONCERNING THE
CORPORACIÓN DE ESTUDIOS ECONÓMICOS, ANALÍTICOS Y SOCIALES (CEEAS)

This document has been prepared by the Summits of the Americas Department to provide information on *Corporación de Estudios Económicos, Analíticos y Sociales (CEEAS)*. It contains the basic data and a list of supporting documentation submitted by the CSO pursuant to the Guidelines for the Participation by Civil Society Organizations in OAS Activities.”

1. Background

The *Corporación de Estudios Económicos, Analíticos y Sociales (CEEAS)* was established on December 10, 2002, as a non-profit corporation, with its own equity and autonomous management. Its purpose is to conduct research into the source and causes of the economic and social challenges that Ecuadorian society faces, especially with regard to inequities and corruption. The research delves into historical, legal, administrative and statistical matters.

CEEAS’ mission is to analyze and interpret the causes of poverty in Ecuador and the region by studying and analyzing the contributing factors, and to make its academic and analytical work part of the public discourse.

CEEAS finances its activities with contributions and dues received from members, grants and contributions from natural and juridical persons interested in its activities, and proceeds from the studies, analyses and papers it produces.

CEEAS applied for registration with the OAS on May 6, 2005.

2. Name, address and date of establishment

Name:	<i>Corporación de Estudios Económicos, Analíticos y Sociales (CEEAS)</i>
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Chair:	Marcelo Merlo Jaramillo
Date established:	December 10, 2002

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

CEEAS researches and studies issues having to do with political, economic and social development, poverty, democracy, human rights and the free trade processes in Ecuador and the region. Within this general framework, the following are the areas of activity that may be related to the work that the OAS conducts:

- Conducting socio-economic studies to obtain diagnostic analyses and proposals for viable and timely solutions to the problems identified.
- Circulating to the media the findings of its studies and publishing news bulletins and journals.
- Partnering with public and private institutions on studies and research within its specific area of activity.
- Promoting democratic institutions by providing support and advisory services to delegates and public officials on economic and financial matters.
- Designing and conducting training courses for public or private enterprises to improve quality and productivity in their specific area.

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

CEEAS' main purpose is to conduct studies that serve to improve and solve the social situation. The contributions that *CEEAS* could make to the OAS are as follows:

- Developing comprehensive and effective strategies that feature plans of action and solutions to the identified problems, on such subjects as democratic strength, governability, corruption, poverty and social exclusion.
- Strengthening civil society's participation by making the findings of its analyses and studies part of the public discourse and promoting dialogue on current issues.
- Helping to make all sectors of society more informed by publishing its studies.

5. OAS work areas to which *CEEAS* can provide support

CEEAS is offering its support to the OAS to improve productivity and social development through joint programs, strategies and efforts that improve training in the region. *CEEAS* can be supportive of the OAS' work in the following areas:

- Cooperating with the Secretariat for Political Affairs on all activities that further consolidation of democracy and promote citizen participation.

- Cooperating with the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) on complaints of violations of basic human rights and complaints alleging the alienation and exclusion of specific social groups.
- Cooperating with the “Inter-American Program to Fight Corruption” in connection with its technical cooperation activities, by providing analytical studies on the quality and efficacy of Ecuadorian institutions. Also, engaging in technical cooperation activities, exchanges of information, experiences and best practices with the Follow-up Mechanism for the Implementation of the Inter-American Convention against Corruption (MESICIC).
- Working jointly with the Inter-Parliamentary Forum of the Americas (FIPA) and the Latin American Parliamentarians against Corruption (PLACC) to promote activities aimed at transparency in public affairs.
- Contributing a new social vision to the OAS discussions within the framework of the Summits of the Americas, influencing the content of the mandates, helping with the preparation and follow-up of the action plans, and maintaining an active and constant flow of communications with the Summits of the Americas Department.

6. Documents submitted to the OAS

- Letter addressed to the Secretary General of the OAS
- Copy of the charter of the *Corporación de Estudios Analíticos y Económicos y Sociales (CEEAS)*
- Statute of the *Corporación de Estudios Analíticos y Económicos y Sociales (CEEAS)*
- Activity Report and Balance Sheet and Statement of Losses and Earnings for 2003
- List of courses given by *CEEAS*