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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 Promoción de la Mujer/Taller de Comunicación de la Mujer)

## SUMMARY OF INFORMATION CONCERNING THE *CORPORACIÓN PROMOCIÓN DE LA MUJER*

This document was prepared by the Secretariat for the Summit Process to provide information on *Corporación Promoción de la Mujer / Taller de Comunicación de la Mujer.* It contains data and a list of the supporting documentation submitted by this civil society organization (CSO) pursuant to the Guidelines for Participation by Society Organizations in OAS Activities.

### **1. Background**

The *Corporación Promoción de la Mujer/ Taller de Comunicación Mujer* was established in Quito, Ecuador on November 24, 1989 as an independent, nonprofit nongovernmental organization. The main purpose of the organization is to generate projects to question the discrimination and inequality affecting women and to transform society and culture. The work of the *Corporación Promoción de la Mujer / Taller de Comunicación de la Mujer* focuses on three areas: communication and culture; citizenship; and, the body and sexuality.

The work of the *Corporación Promoción de la Mujer / Taller de Comunicación de la Mujer* was geared to working class women, whom it would help through projects promoting training and strengthening of grass-roots organizations that worked to advance women's causes. Since 1997, the organization has expanded its field of activities to include work with groups of women of different ages, nongovernmental organizations (NGOs), and professional groups. At the present time, it is developing projects financed by the United Nations Fund for Women's Development (UNIFEM), the United Nations Organization for Education, Science, and Culture (UNESCO), Norwegian People's Assistance, and Oxfam GB, among others.

Throughout its existence, the *Corporación Promoción de la Mujer / Taller de Comunicación de la Mujer* has helped implement legal reforms in Ecuador, including the new Constitution of 1998 and the decriminalization of homosexuality. The organization has worked with the Commission on Human Rights and has submitted cases to the Inter-American Court of Human Rights.

The *Corporación Promoción de la Mujer / Taller de Comunicación de la Mujer* submitted its application for registration with the OAS on April 29, 2004.

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

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Executive Director: Tatiana Cordero Velásquez

Date of establishment: 24 November, 1989

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

The objective of the *Corporación Promoción de la Mujer/ Taller de Comunicación de la Mujer* is to promote and protect the rights of women and ensure their full exercise. Their work is concentrated in the following areas:

- Assisting women to demand their rights of the government as citizens and civil society organizations, through various assistance and training projects.
- Helping modify social practices and culture in areas related to sexuality and the body.
- Conducting innovative research to change social practices that restrict the citizenship of women.
- Publishing books, magazines, pamphlets, and posters to disseminate the philosophy and research of the organization.

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

The work done by the *Corporación Promoción de la Mujer / Taller de Comunicación de la Mujer* will help strengthen efforts by the OAS to guarantee recognition of the civil and political rights of women. The *Corporación Promoción de la Mujer / Taller de Comunicación de la Mujer* will offer its cooperation to the Organization in the following areas:

- Promotion and protection of women's rights to ensure gender equality in the OAS member states.
- Cooperation in designing strategies to transform the relationship between men and women and their roles.
- Cooperation with programs designed to eliminate obstacles to full and equal participation of women in civil, economic, social, cultural, and political spheres.
- Promotion of programs for training, education, and organization of women to encourage equal participation in leadership positions.
- Promotion of the programs and projects of the Inter-American Commission of Women (CIM).

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

The *Corporación Promoción de la Mujer / Taller de Comunicación Mujer* would like to become an organization that supports the OAS in protecting and promoting women's rights and gender equality.

The *Corporación Promoción de la Mujer/ Taller de Comunicación Mujer* could assist the OAS in the following areas:

- Support for CIM in its mission to support women's rights to achieve full access to civil, political, economic, social, and cultural rights.
- Support for CIM in its work with the governments of member states to ensure that they take the necessary steps to guarantee women's rights.
- Contribution to the work of the OAS, and specifically CIM, through research and publications on the subject of gender equality and women's rights.
- Cooperation with the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) in its work in the areas we specialize in.

**6. Documents submitted by the CSO**

- Letter addressed to the Secretary General on April 22, 2004
- By-Laws of the *Corporación Promoción de la Mujer / Taller de Comunicación de la Mujer*
- General information on the *Corporación Promoción de la Mujer/ Taller de Comunicación Mujer*
- 2003 financial statements
- List of donors to the *Corporación Promoción de la Mujer / Taller de Comunicación de la Mujer*
- Incorporation agreement
- 2002-2003 Annual Report