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

[Fundación Afroamérica XXI Ecuador]

ANALYSIS OF FACTORS RELATING TO THE APPLICATION BY *FUNDACIÓN AFROAMÉRICA XXI ECUADOR* TO PARTICIPATE IN OAS ACTIVITIES

This document was prepared by the Department of International Affairs/Secretariat for External Relations to provide information to the member states of the Organization of American States (OAS) on the civil society organization *Fundación Afroamérica XXI Ecuador*.

The information contained in this report is provided pursuant to resolution CP/RES. 759 (1217/99), "Guidelines for the Participation of Civil Society Organizations in OAS Activities," and includes a summary and a list of data and documentation presented by *Fundación Afroamérica XXI Ecuador* in accordance with the aforementioned Guidelines.

1. **Background**

Fundación Afroamérica XXI Ecuador is a non-profit organization founded on March 4, 2002 in Guayaquil, Ecuador. Its purpose is to foster the integral development of the Afro-American population in that country by implementing programs that promote their cultural, economic, human, and social rights.

Fundación Afroamérica XXI Ecuador engages in organization-building, political training, and social work. In those areas it runs research projects and develops training modules on such topics as governance, civil society, economic development, collective rights, rights of the child, women's rights and the family, and adolescents.

Fundación Afroamérica XXI Ecuador has undertaken a number of activities in cooperation with various international organizations and governmental entities, such as the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), to implement the program entitled "Prevention against HIV/AIDS in vulnerable AfroEcuadorian Communities." It works with the National Government (CODAE), local government (M.1. Municipality of Guayaquil) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

Fundación Afroamérica XXI Ecuador submitted its application to the OAS on February 27, 2009.

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

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Director: Orlan Corozo Canga
Date established: March 4, 2002

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

The purpose of *Fundación Afroamérica XXI Ecuador* is to promote the integral development of the Afro-descendant population in Ecuador. Activities that relate to OAS objectives include:

- Promoting protection of the cultural, economic, human, and social rights of the Afro-descendant community in Ecuador;
- Fostering citizen participation by the Afro-descendant population of Ecuador in public policies; and
- Promoting HIV/AIDS prevention campaigns in Afro-descendant communities in Ecuador.

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

Fundación Afroamérica XXI Ecuador develops training and education programs and conducts training workshops and research projects. Contributions already made by the organization and that might be of interest to the OAS include:

- The design and execution of programs for training AfroEcuadorian political motivators and training AfroAmerican human rights defenders;
- Implementation of programs to reduce the incidence of HIV/AIDS in the Afro-descendant population in Ecuador;
- Holding workshops and meetings to boost the socio-economic development and cultural identity of the Afro-descendant population in Ecuador; and
- Staging national meetings of the different organizations working with Afro-descendant population groups in Ecuador in order to coordinate joint activities for advancing their social wellbeing.

5. **Identification of the OAS work areas in which the CSO proposes to support ongoing activities or to make recommendations on the best way to achieve OAS objectives**

Fundación Afroamérica XXI Ecuador considers that its activities may be useful for the work performed by the various different agencies and units of the OAS. Thus, it could lend support to their work by:

- Supporting the work of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) to promote and protect the human rights of Afro-descendant populations;
- Promoting the activities of the Inter-American Commission of Women (CIM) with respect to gender equity and nondiscrimination against persons living with HIV/AIDS;
- Supporting the efforts of the Working Group to Prepare a Draft Inter-American Convention against Racism and All Forms of Discrimination and Intolerance of the Committee on Juridical and Political Affairs (CAJP) of the OAS Permanent Council;
- Contributing to the activities of the Department of Education and Culture (DEC) of the Executive Secretariat for Integral Development (SEDI), aimed at promoting understanding and appreciation of the cultural diversity of the peoples of the Americas and broadening general knowledge of the role that minority groups play in our region;
- Supporting the work of the Department of International Affairs (DIA) of the Secretariat for External Relations (SER) to promote civil society participation in OAS activities;
- Working with the Department of Social Development and Employment (DSDE) of the Executive Secretariat for Integral Development (SEDI) to promote social development, work, and employment; and
- Helping the Inter-American Children's Institute (IIN) to promote the rights of children and adolescents.

6. **Documents submitted by the CSO to the OAS**

- Letter to the OAS Secretary General, dated February 27, 2009
- Articles of incorporation, March 4, 2002
- Statute
- Annual activities report 2008
- Financial statements for 2008 (signed by Ericka Angulo Cortez, who holds a degree in business administration)