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Fundación ChasquiNet
(ChasquiNet Foundation)

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This document was prepared by the Summits Secretariat to provide information to the OAS Committee on Inter-American Summits Management and Civil Society Participation in OAS Activities on the civil society organization *Fundación ChasquiNet* (Chasquinet Foundation). The information contained herein is in response to resolution CP/RES. 759 (1217/99), “Guidelines for the Participation of Civil Society Organizations in OAS Activities,” and includes a list of documentation presented by the *Fundación ChasquiNet* in accordance with the aforementioned Guidelines.

1. Background

The *Fundación ChasquiNet* is a nongovernmental, nonprofit organization that promotes the positive use of information and communication technologies in sectors with scarce resources, both nationally in areas of Ecuador and in Latin America and the Caribbean, in order to have an impact on economic and social policies. The *Fundación ChasquiNet* was established in 1999. Its main headquarters is in Quito, Ecuador.

The *Fundación ChasquiNet* runs several community support programs, primarily through the establishment of community learning centers in economically disadvantaged communities. It also provides advice and training to people wishing to learn more about information and communication technologies in order to improve their standard of living.

It derives its income from public funding sources, such as the governments of the Ecuadorian municipalities of Cayambe, Chaco, Guayaquil, Lumbacqui, Nabón and Quito, *inter alia*, and private sources, such as Microsoft Corp., the Esquel Foundation, Global Knowledge Partnership (GKP), ImallsGlobal Inc., the International Development Research Centre (IDRC), German Technical Cooperation (GTZ), and the Italo-Ecuadorian Fund (*Fondo Italo Ecuatoriano – FIE*).

The *Fundación ChasquiNet* submitted its application on August 24, 2006.

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

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President: Klaus Stoll
Executive Director: Karin Delgadillo Poepsel
Date of establishment: May 31, 1999

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

The *Fundación ChasquiNet* works in the following areas related to OAS activities:

- Contributing to the design of policies for use and assignment of information and communication technologies in education, community development, and health;
- Democratizing access to information by identifying needs and focusing on community-based projects;
- Helping to build participatory, collaborative, and proactive learning communities and networks that contribute to local, regional, and global development; and
- Supporting the development of multisectoral strategic partnerships.

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

In its endeavors, the *Fundación ChasquiNet* carries out the following activities that could help the OAS to accomplish its mission:

- Strengthening community telecenters by using information and communication technologies as tools for encouraging citizen participation in the fight against poverty;
- Creating exchange and knowledge networks to facilitate the cooperation and interaction of Latin American and Caribbean telecenters in the promotion of democracy and access to information and communication technologies;
- Learning, education, and training programs, including workshops, seminars, internships, and progressive courses on the use of information technologies in fostering community development, promoting e-trade, establishing communication strategies, and developing databases;
- Bolstering economic development through the virtual market, establishing an interactive communication platform for various users to exchange information;

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

The *Fundación ChasquiNet* considers that it can help support OAS efforts especially in the areas of strengthening of democracy, comprehensive human development, and science and technology by:

- Supporting the Department of Science and Technology of the Executive Secretariat for Integral Development (SEDI) in its work to help member states design development policies and strategies to promote science, technology, and innovation with a view to increasing competitiveness in the productive sector, generating sources of decent work, reducing poverty, and strengthening democratic governance;
- Facilitating activities for the exchange of learning, training among citizens, organizations, and public institutions to help reduce poverty, create jobs, and achieve social development in the region through science and technology, in conjunction with the Department of Social Development and Employment of SEDI;
- Publicizing the Inter-American Democratic Charter through virtual networks;
- Disseminating those commitments undertaken by the member states through the Summits of the Americas process to strengthen civil society participation and the development of science and technology in Latin America.

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

- Letter to the OAS Secretary General, dated August 24, 2007
- Official Note No. 1439-DAJ-2003 from the National Directorate for Legal Advisory Services of the Ministry of Education and Culture of the Republic of Ecuador certifying the establishment of the *Fundación ChasquiNet* by means of Ministerial Agreement No. 979, dated May 31, 1999
- Statutes (notarized copy dated November 14, 2002)
- Annual report for 2006
- Institutional mission statement
- Financial statements for 2006 (Audited by Remigio Carvajal Benalcazar, CPA Register 11359)