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

[Fundación Ciudadanía y Desarrollo]

ANALYSIS OF ELEMENTS FOR REGISTRATION BY *FUNDACIÓN CIUDADANÍA Y DESARROLLO* TO PARTICIPATE IN OAS ACTIVITIES

This document has been prepared by the Relations with Civil Society Section of the Secretariat for Access to Rights and Equity to provide information to the member states of the Organization of American States (OAS) on the civil society organization *Fundación Ciudadanía y Desarrollo*.

The information contained in this report is in response to resolution CP/RES. 759 (1217/99), “Guidelines for the Participation of Civil Society Organizations in OAS Activities.” This document includes a summary and list of documentation presented by *Fundación Ciudadanía y Desarrollo* in accordance with the aforementioned Guidelines.

1. **Background**

Fundación Ciudadanía y Desarrollo is a nongovernmental organization established on October 19, 2009 in Quito, Ecuador, for the purpose of promoting citizen participation and its development, through the education and training of social, ethical, and transparent leaders.

Fundación Ciudadanía y Desarrollo aims to encourage responsible democratic participation through its programs for education on and dissemination of democratic culture. In addition, it seeks to inform and train society on the country’s current economic trends and supports education and culture as the foundation for the country’s development.

To achieve its objectives, *Fundación Ciudadanía y Desarrollo* has developed the following projects:

- **Legislative Observatory:** This is a platform designed to track and provide information on the performance of elected representatives to the National Assembly, through monitoring by groups of students and civil society.
- **Promesómetro:** This is an initiative directed to students and civil society for the purpose of following up on implementation of the Work Plan offered by elected officials, such as the Mayor of Quito.
- **Queremos Saber:** This is an initiative to provide citizens with ways to access information of public or private entities that manage funding from the government or that perform public functions.
- **Espacio Joven:** This is a platform geared to young leaders, to promote the creation of projects and proposals directed to candidates for the Office of President of the Republic and the National Assembly on subjects such as the Independence of the Judiciary, Human Rights, the Economy, Fighting Corruption, and Sexual and Reproductive Rights.

Fundación Ciudadanía y Desarrollo also organizes training workshops around the country on themes such as Open Data, Transparency and Technology, Citizen Participation and Social Control, and Political Communication for Youth Leaders, among others.

Fundación Ciudadanía y Desarrollo belongs to various work networks, such as the UNCAC (United Nations Convention against Corruption) Coalition, the Latin American and Caribbean Network for Democracy (REDLAD), and CIVICUS, or the World Alliance for Citizen Participation.

Fundación Ciudadanía y Desarrollo develops its projects with funding from the Canadian Embassy in Ecuador, the Embassy of Great Britain in Ecuador, the National Endowment for Democracy, the Pan American Development Foundation, and Hanns Seidel Stiftung, among others.

Fundación Ciudadanía y Desarrollo submitted its application for registration with the OAS on June 23, 2015.

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

Name of the organization: Fundación Ciudadanía y Desarrollo

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Executive Director: Mauricio Alarcón Salvador

Date of establishment: 19 October 2009

3. Primary areas of activity and the organization's contributions of interest to the OAS

Fundación Ciudadanía y Desarrollo works in the areas of democracy, education, transparency, and citizen participation. The primary areas of activity and contributions of the organization that may be of interest to the OAS include the following:

- Training citizens on democratic processes, by educating them on the current national situation, civic values, the basic ethics of democracy, and the institutionality of the State.
- Supporting the promotion of educational and cultural programs as a basis for the country's development.

- Strengthening democracy through the increased participation of society, especially youth, in electoral processes, advisory services to public or private institutions, and by creating spaces for debate on topical national and international issues.

4. Identification of potential areas of collaboration with the OAS

The *Fundación Ciudadanía y Desarrollo* proposes to cooperate with the OAS in the following areas:

- Working together with the Departments of Electoral Cooperation and Observation and Effective Public Management to help strengthen electoral processes and democratic practices, as well as citizen participation through educational programs, development of public policies, and dialogue;
- Providing assistance to the Inter-American Council for Integral Development (CIDI) and sections of the Department of Human Development and Education through exchanges of information, inputs, and experiences on subjects related to education and the dissemination of its educational programs;
- Working with the Follow-Up Mechanism for Implementation of the Inter-American Convention against Corruption (MESICIC) in Ecuador and in the region through reports on implementation of that Convention; and
- Participating in hemispheric debates open to civil society on the subject and sending recommendations to OAS member states to serve as inputs for events such as the OAS General Assembly, and meetings of the Permanent Council and CIDI, among others.

5. Documents submitted by the CSO to the OAS

- Letter to the OAS Secretary General, dated June 23, 2015
- Institutional mission statement
- Statutes
- Charter
- 2014 Annual Report
- 2014 financial statements

The application of *Fundación Ciudadanía y Desarrollo* was presented at the meeting of the CISC held on December 1, 2015. On that occasion, the Committee requested additional information needed for consideration of the application. That information is reflected in document CP/CISC/SA-36/15, “Summary of the CISC meeting held on December 1, 2015,” which is dated December 11, 2015 and refers to the fact that the “*Fundación Ciudadanía y Desarrollo* has not complied with the requirements for registration with the OAS.”

The Secretariat includes the link with the Ministerial Agreement 414-2009 of the Ministry of Education of Ecuador, granting legal status to the *Fundación Ciudadanía y Desarrollo*.

- [Link to the Document “Ministry of Education – Ministerial Agreement 414-2009.](#)