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APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN OAS ACTIVITIES PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 6
OF THE GUIDELINES FOR PARTICIPATION BY CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS
IN OAS ACTIVITIES [CP/RES. 759 (1217/99)]

[OrganizAcción Movimiento Ciudadano por la Democracia]

ANALYSIS OF FACTORS RELATING TO THE APPLICATION BY *ORGANIZACCIÓN MOVIMIENTO CIUDADANO POR LA DEMOCRACIA* 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 *OrganizAcción Movimiento Ciudadano por la Democracia* (Citizens' Movement for Democracy OrganizAction).

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 summary and a list of data and documentation presented by *OrganizAcción Movimiento Ciudadano por la Democracia* in accordance with the aforementioned Guidelines.

1. **Background**

OrganizAcción Movimiento Ciudadano por la Democracia is a non-profit nongovernmental organization founded on December 13, 2005, in Quito, Ecuador to promote citizen participation and oversight in efforts to strengthen democratic governance and transparency in public affairs.

OrganizAcción Movimiento Ciudadano por la Democracia fulfills that mission by conducting awareness campaigns and training and educational activities and through social projects on government procurement, accountability, planning and citizen participation, participatory budgets, microenterprises and economic development. Those programs target local leaders, the heads of parish boards ("*juntas parroquiales*"), and the general public in Quito.

OrganizAcción Movimiento Ciudadano por la Democracia finances its activities with contributions from its members and from the Inter-American Foundation, Corporación Fondo Ágil, Fundar Centro de Análisis e Investigación, A.C., the United States embassy in Quito, and the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), as well as other sources.

OrganizAcción Movimiento Ciudadano por la Democracia submitted its application on April 5, 2010.

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

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Executive Director: María Luisa Mora P.

Date established: December 13, 2005

3. Primary areas of activities and contributions that could be of interest to the OAS

OrganizAcción Movimiento Ciudadano por la Democracia seeks to boost citizens' ability to monitor government administration with a view to promoting good governance, social development, and human rights in Ecuador. Primary areas of activity and contributions of the organization that could be of interest to the OAS include the following:

- Promotion of democratic governance and transparency in the management of public projects by holding training courses with local leaders on topics to do with social oversight, accountability, public procurement, and citizen participation, and by supporting the establishment of websites for five parish boards in Quito aimed at enhancing the transparency of public administration processes in those parishes;
- Awareness-building and capacity-building of citizens, especially youths and women, to have an impact on public policies, by exchanging experiences and best practices with other similar organizations and groups and by running courses on leadership, democracy, and citizen surveillance of government projects; and
- Promotion of social and economic development through workshops aimed at teaching local leaders to start and/or improve their own businesses and microenterprises.

4. 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

OrganizAcción Movimiento Ciudadano por la Democracia proposes working with the OAS in the following areas:

- Supporting the Permanent Council and the Committee on Juridical and Political Affairs (CAJP) in their efforts to promote the principles of the Inter-American Democratic Charter;
- Cooperating with the Department of State Modernization and Good Governance (DSMGG) of the Secretariat for Political Affairs (SPA) in its efforts to promote greater transparency and integrity in the public administration of the member states.
- Providing information and recommendations to the Committee of Experts of the Follow-up Mechanism for the Implementation of the Inter-American Convention against Corruption (MESICIC) in cooperation with the Department of Legal Cooperation of the Secretariat for Legal Affairs (SLA);

- Contributing to the work of the Inter-American Commission of Women (CIM) to boost the full and equal participation of women in civil, economic, social, cultural, and political life;
- Supporting the work of the Department of Social Development and Employment (DSDE) of the Executive Secretariat for Integral Development (SEDI) to implement the Inter-American Social Protection Network by exchanging experiences and best practices for reducing inequality and social gaps and combating extreme poverty;
- Submitting recommendations to the Permanent Council's Committee on Inter-American Summits Management and Civil Society Participation in OAS Activities (CISC) and supporting the Department of International Affairs (DAI) of the Secretariat for External Relations (SER) in promoting civil society participation in OAS activities.

6. Documents submitted by the CSO to the OAS

- Letter to the OAS Secretary General, dated April 5, 2010
- Articles of Incorporation
- Statute
- Institutional mission statement
- Annual report, 2009
- Financial Statements for 2009
- Information leaflet.