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

[Asociación Silueta X]

ANALYSIS OF ELEMENTS FOR REGISTRATION BY *ASOCIACIÓN SILUETA X* TO PARTICIPATE IN OAS ACTIVITIES

This document was 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 *Asociación Silueta X*.

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 *Asociación Silueta X* in accordance with the aforementioned Guidelines.

1. **Background**

Asociación Silueta X is a non-profit organization established on May 5, 2010, in Guayaquil, Ecuador. Its mission is to promote and defend the human rights of LGBTI (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transsexual, and intersex) persons, including teens.

Silueta X is focused on improving quality of life for LGBTI persons experiencing social or economic exclusion because of their gender identity or sexual orientation.

Silueta X works in the following areas:

- Advocacy: Through advocacy campaigns targeting public servants with the National Police, the Ombudsman’s Office, and the Ministry of Health, on topics such as human rights, comprehensive health care, and sexual diversity;
- Comprehensive health care: Organizing health care campaigns at public health centers for transsexual persons and prevention campaigns on comprehensive health care, HIV, and sexual and reproductive rights;
- Publicity: Through public demonstrations to give visibility to specific cases of human rights violations; and
- Youth leadership: Through training for LGBTI youth, promoting empowerment for them and participation in public opinion spaces.

Silueta X produces various reports on human rights violations in Ecuador, conducts case studies on sex discrimination, and organizes outreach campaigns, such as *Tiempo de igualdad* [Time for Equal Rights], launched in 2013.

The Association funds its activities with resources from international organizations, such as MamaCash, Hivos, Dignity for All, Astraea Lesbian Foundation for Justice, the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, and Front Line Defenders, among others.

Silueta X applied for registration with the OAS on April 12, 2017.

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

Name of the organization: Asociación Silueta X

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Telephone: 0999659426

E-mail address: SiluetaX@gmail.com

Website: www.SiluetaX.org

President: Carlos Alberto Verdesoto Anangonó

Date established: May 5, 2010

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

Asociación Silueta X works to increase respect for the human rights of LGBTI persons, particularly the right to discrimination-free health care. The primary areas of activity and contributions of *Asociación Silueta X* that could be of interest to the OAS include:

- Educating public servants and volunteers about comprehensive health care and sexual diversity;
- Promoting health care for transsexual and transgender persons at public health centers, with priority being given to the treatment of sexually-transmitted diseases;
- Proposing standardization of legislation regarding name and sex changes on identity documents;
- Promoting empowerment of LGBTI youth and their civil participation in public opinion; and
- Monitoring, giving visibility to, and reporting specific cases of human rights violations involving LGBTI persons.

4. **Identification of potential areas of collaboration with the OAS**

Asociación Silueta X would like to collaborate with the OAS in the following areas:

- Providing the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) and the Permanent Council, through the Committee on Juridical and Political Affairs (CAJP), with information on the human rights situation as it relates to sexual orientation and gender identity in the region, pursuant to resolution

AG/RES. 2600 (XL-0/10), “Human Rights, Sexual Orientation, and Gender Identity”;

- Supporting activities of the Inter-American Commission of Women (CIM), particularly its Declaration on Violence against Women and Girls and their Sexual and Reproductive Rights, to ensure health care free from sexual or gender discrimination;
- Promoting the principles of the Inter-American Democratic Charter, especially those related to democracy promotion and human rights protection in the region, through training for public servants and young people in Ecuador;
- Dissemination of information on the efforts of the Committee on Juridical and Political Affairs (CAJP) of the OAS Permanent Council to draft the Inter-American Convention against All Forms of Discrimination and Intolerance, promoting a reduction of violence and crime; and
- Participating in hemispheric debates and activities of the OAS with civil society and remitting recommendations to OAS member states as input for events like the OAS General Assembly, meetings of the Permanent Council meetings and its committees, IACHR sessions, and so on.

5. Documents submitted by the CSO to the OAS

- Letter to the OAS Secretary General, dated April 12, 2017
- Articles of Incorporation
- Statutes
- Mission and Institutional Vision
- 2016 Management Report
- 2016 Financial Statements
- Appointment of Silueta X’s 2012 Board of Directors