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APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION PRESENTED PURSUANT TO ITEM 6
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IN OAS ACTIVITIES [CP/RES. 759 (1217/99)]

[Centre d'analyse et de recherche en droits de l'homme (CARDH)]

ANALYSIS OF THE ELEMENTS FOR REGISTRATION BY *CENTRE D'ANALYSE ET DE RECHERCHE EN DROITS DE L'HOMME* TO BE REGISTERED WITH THE OAS

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 *Centre d'analyse et de recherche en droits de l'homme* [Center for Human Rights Analysis and Research, CARDH].

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." This document includes a summary and list of documentation presented by *Centre d'analyse et de recherche en droits de l'homme* in accordance with the aforementioned Guidelines.

1. Background

A nonprofit organization, *Centre d'analyse et de recherche en droits de l'homme* was established in Haiti on September 20, 2008, with a mission to assist in the promotion and observance of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the democratic principles articulated in the OAS Charter;

CARDH is engaged primarily in promoting citizen participation in the process of rebuilding democracy by gathering documents on the status of democracy in Haiti and gathering information on the actors involved in the process of democratic transition and the calling of elections in 2015;

CARDH monitors the human rights situation by collaborating on international initiatives. In 2014, the Center helped with the preparation and presentation of the report on alternatives proposed by Haitian human rights organizations as regards Government of Haiti implementation of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. It was involved through the 112th session of the United Nations Human Rights Committee (Geneva);

It has also issued reports on elections and democratic processes in Haiti, highlighting especially the issue of citizen participation in those processes and the need for citizens to become more interested in elections.

CARDH is financed with contributions from private national and international organizations such as Joissaint Ephesien law firm and *Centre d'action pour le développement des organisations locales* (CADOL).

CARDH applied for registration with the OAS on September 7, 2015.

2. Name, address, and date of establishment

Name of Organization: Centre d'analyse et de recherche en droits de l'homme (CARDH)

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Port-au-Prince, Haiti:

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Executive Director: Jean Gédéon

Date established: September 20, 2008

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

CARDH contributes to human rights defense and enhanced citizen participation. The CSO's primary areas of activity and contributions that might be of interest to the OAS include:

- Promoting and protecting observance of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, through training in peace culture and democracy.
- Enhancing mechanisms used by community-based organizations through training sessions on human rights, governance, and citizenship;
- Defending the rights of Haitian migrants residing in the Dominican Republic and Dominicans stripped of their nationality, by monitoring Dominican government compliance with the principles set forth in the United Nations Charter and the Organization of American States Charter;
- Strengthening citizen participation mechanisms by disseminating information on electoral processes, democratic principles, and the rule of law, within the Republic of Haiti.

4. Identification of potential areas of collaboration with the OAS

Centre d'analyse et de recherche en droits de l'homme would like to work with the OAS in the following areas:

- Working with the Department of Sustainable Democracy and Special Missions, by sharing situation reports on political processes in the region and facilitating forums for mediation and dialogue with a view to preventing and resolving social conflicts through electoral processes;

- Supporting the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) Rapporteurship on the Rights of Migrants in its effort to monitor the situation of individuals in terms of human mobility, by gathering information on the situation of migrants in the Americas;
- Promoting the principles of the Inter-American Democratic Charter, especially those related to the rule of law, promotion of democratic culture, and observance of human rights;
- Collaborating with the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights in promoting human rights to ensure everyone in the Americas equal social, economic, and political rights.
- Participating in hemispheric debates and OAS activities with civil society and remitting recommendations to OAS member states that could serve as input for events such as the OAS General Assembly, meetings of the Permanent Council and its committees, sessions of the IACHR, and so on.

5. Documents submitted by the CSO to the OAS

- Letter to the OAS Secretary General, dated Monday, September 7, 2015
- Articles of incorporation and statutes
- Latest management report-2014
- Mission statement
- 2014 financial statements, audited by Jean Michel Pierre Amos, P.A.
- Sources of financing, 2014