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

[Fondation Mains Ouvertes (FONMO)]

ANALYSIS OF ELEMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION BY FONDATION MAINS OVERTES IN THE FRAMEWORK OF REGISTRATION BY CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS 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 *Fondation Mains Ouvertes (FONMO)*.

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 *Fondation Mains Ouvertes (FONMO)* in accordance with the aforementioned Guidelines.

1. Background

Fondation Mains Ouvertes (FONMO) is a non-governmental organization established on May 17, 1992 in Hinche, Haiti, with the mission to contribute to the democratic, social, economic and cultural development in Haiti by promoting civic education, respect for human rights, gender equality, good governance, pacific resolution of conflicts, fight against corruption, and protection of the environment.

In 2008, *FONMO* signed a cooperation agreement with the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti (MINUSTAH) to use a multimedia center that granted the organization access to videoconference and computer equipment, which has been used to facilitate four conferences and three workshops, with approximately 350 participants, to develop the capacity of individuals and grassroots and community organizations to address issues related to natural disasters and post-traumatic stress and health; economic, social and cultural rights; children's rights; the right to potable water; journalism; and pacific resolution of conflicts.

In 2009, *FONMO* organized a spelling competition for youth ages 15 to 25 with 104 students from 52 schools to promote French language study, strengthen the students' public speaking skills and help build their self-esteem.

FONMO has also participated in a number of meetings hosted by the Haitian National Council of Telecommunications, Department of Planning and Foreign Cooperation and MINUSTAH on ways to develop local telecommunications services in Haiti, addressing the challenges to women's participation in politics, and poverty reduction, as well as in the OAS' Second Meeting of Ministers Responsible for Public Security of the Americas (MISPA II), and the XXXVIII and XL Regular Sessions of the OAS General Assembly, among others.

FONMO has financed its activities with income earned through membership fees and consulting fees, as well as contributions and grants from the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti (MINUSTAH), the Haitian Ministry of National Education, Youth and Sports, Ministry of Culture and Communication, European Development Fund (EDF), United States Agency for International Development (USAID), Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), Canadian Embassy accredited in Haiti, Red Cross, and Fondation Connaissance et Liberté, among others.

FONMO submitted its application to register in the OAS on January 7, 2010.

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

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

Fondation Mains Ouvertes (FONMO) develops initiatives to promote human rights and social development in Haiti. The primary areas of activity of *FONMO* that relate and could be of interest to the OAS include:

- Contributing to the protection of social, economic and human rights, as well as the promotion of a democratic culture through the execution of capacity-building workshops and training programs to promote access to basic needs, pacific resolution of conflicts, improved journalism standards, ethics, good governance, transparency and anti-corruption;
- Strengthening the human and institutional capacity of local non-governmental organizations, community groups and cooperatives, with a focus on women, by providing consultancy services to improve organizational efficiency and contribute to local development; and
- Protecting the rights and fostering the development of children through conferences directed at local organizations and educational activities for youth.

4. Identification of OAS work areas

Fondation Mains Ouvertes (FONMO) offers to collaborate with the OAS in the following areas:

- Provide support to the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) to strengthen the protection of human rights, particularly in cooperation with the

Rapporteurship on the Rights of the Child and the Rapporteurship on the Rights of Women;

- Present recommendations to the Joint Working Group of the Permanent Council and CEPCIDI on Existing Mechanisms for Disaster Prevention and Response and Humanitarian Assistance, particularly related to risk reduction management and civic and community participation in humanitarian assistance;
- Offer input and recommendations to the Joint Working Group of the Permanent Council and CEPCIDI on the draft Social Charter of the Americas;
- Provide recommendations to the Permanent Executive Committee of the Inter-American Council for Integral Development (CEPCIDI) in the areas of social and sustainable development, education and culture through its participation in related ministerial meetings and meetings of the Inter-American Committees;
- Collaborate with the Inter-American Commission of Women (CIM) to increase the participation of women in economic, political, social, and cultural development;
- Offer technical support and recommendations to the Inter-American Children's Institute (IIN) in its work to contribute to ensuring the exercise and creation of a culture based on children's rights and well-being in the Americas;
- Support the work of the Department of Human Development, Education and Culture (DHDEC) of the Executive Secretariat for Integral Development (SEDI) to promote quality childhood education, literacy and cultural rights as necessary elements of human development, as well as its Inter-American Program for Education in Democratic Practices and Values; and
- Participate in and contribute recommendations to the Meetings of Ministers Responsible for Public Security in the Americas (MISPA) and during the preparatory civil society meetings in support of the Department of Public Security (DPS) of the Secretariat for Multidimensional Security (SMS).

5. Documents submitted by the CSO to the OAS

- Letter to the OAS Secretary General dated January 7, 2010
- Constitution
- Statutes
- Declaration of Institutional Mission Statement
- Annual Report: 2008-2009, 2006-2007
- Financial Statements: 2008-2009, 2006-2007 (signed by Lourde Joseph, C.P.)
- Certificate of Registration, Municipal Administration of Hinche, Haiti
- Tax Registration Cards: 2008, 2009