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

*[Asociación de mujeres trabajadoras sexuales Girasoles Nicaragua]*

ANALYSIS OF ELEMENTS FOR REGISTRATION BY  
*ASOCIACIÓN DE MUJERES TRABAJADORAS SEXUALES GIRASOLES NICARAGUA*  
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 de mujeres trabajadoras sexuales Girasoles Nicaragua* (Nicaragua Association of Sunflower Female Sex Workers).

The information contained in this report is provided 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 list of documentation presented by *Asociación de mujeres trabajadoras sexuales Girasoles Nicaragua* in accordance with the aforementioned Guidelines.

**1. Background**

*Girasoles Nicaragua* is non-profit organization of female sex workers (FSWs) without partisan or religious ties. It campaigns for respect for the human rights and sexual and reproductive rights of its members.

The Association is part of the network of sex workers in Latin America and the Caribbean, with representation and voting rights in discussion and advocacy forums, and has signed agreements with state institutions such as the Human Rights Ombudsman's Office, the Supreme Court of Justice, the Ministry of Health, and the Nicaragua National Police.

It is funded mainly by projects and private foundations.

*Girasoles Nicaragua* submitted its application to the OAS on September 17, 2020.

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

Name of organization:	Asociación de mujeres trabajadoras sexuales Girasoles Nicaragua
Address:	Colonia 14 de Septiembre. Del Colegio 14 de Septiembre 2 cuadras arriba y 1 cuadra al lago. Managua, Nicaragua
Tel:	+ 505 22998210 / + 505 57356552
E-mail:	girasolesnicaragua@gmail.com
Website:	<a href="http://www.redtralsex.org/-Nicaragua-16-">http://www.redtralsex.org/-Nicaragua-16-</a>
President:	María Elena Dávila Ocampos
Date established:	October 20, 2011

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

*Girasoles Nicaragua* engages in activities to prevent gender-based violence against FSWs; promotes the prevention of sexually-transmitted diseases and HIV/AIDS; fosters personal and collective empowerment for FSWs; and promotes efforts to combat stigma and discrimination.

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

*Girasoles Nicaragua* proposes to collaborate with the OAS in the following areas:

- Working with the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR), especially its Rapporteurship on Women's Rights, to support its work to promote initiatives supporting women's movements in the Americas and to fight stigma and discrimination against FSWs.
- Assisting with the Inter-American Commission of Women's (CIM) mission to prevent and eradicate gender-based violence.
- Follow-up on implementation of Summits of the Americas mandates and OAS General Assembly and Permanent Council resolutions.
- Promoting participation by civil society organizations in activities organized by the OAS and registration of civil society organizations in the OAS roster.

**5. Documents submitted to the OAS**

- Letter addressed to the OAS Secretary General, dated September 17, 2020
- Articles of Incorporation and Statutes
- Activity report for 2019
- Institutional mission statement
- 2019 financial statements
- Sources of financing