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IN OAS ACTIVITIES [CP/RES. 759 (1217/99)]

[Asociación Salvadoreña para la Formación y Capacitación Integral Sostenible (ASAFOCAIS)]

ANALYSIS OF ELEMENTS FOR REGISTRATION BY *ASOCIACIÓN SALVADOREÑA
PARA LA FORMACIÓN Y CAPACITACIÓN INTEGRAL SOSTENIBLE*
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 the member states of the Organization of American States (OAS) with information on the civil society organization *Asociación Salvadoreña para la Formación y Capacitación Integral Sostenible* [Salvadorian Association for Education and Sustainable Comprehensive Training, ASAFOCAIS].

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 Salvadoreña para la Formación y Capacitación Integral Sostenible* (ASAFOCAIS) in accordance with the aforementioned Guidelines.

1. Background

Asociación Salvadoreña para la Formación y Capacitación Integral Sostenible (ASAFOCAIS) is a non-profit organization that was established on September 5, 1998 in El Salvador. Its purpose is to contribute to integral development for Salvadoran families by providing professional and comprehensive development training on issues involving children and adolescents.

ASAFOCAIS seeks to include children and adolescents in El Salvador’s productive system, in an atmosphere of equity, peace, and freedom, ensuring respect for human rights.

ASAFOCAIS works in the following areas:

- Citizen participation: through collaboration with state institutions and civil society to raise awareness among children and adolescents about human rights;
- Education: by promoting advocacy campaigns aimed at getting the Salvadoran government to increase budgetary allocation for the education sector;
- Sexual and reproductive health: by disseminating information and encouraging discussions on the topic in forums and conferences, communities, and at-risk population groups;
- Participation in international forums: by attending and participating in regional discussion forums.

ASAFOCAIS joins with networks in promoting campaigns and initiatives, such as the Partnership for Sexual and Reproductive Health; Campaign for a Convention on Sexual and Reproductive Rights; United Nations “Universal Periodic Review, El Salvador” campaign; Salvadoran Right to Education Network; and the Network for Children and Adolescents in El Salvador.

ASAFOCAIS finances its activities with funds from government institutions such as the Ministry of Health of El Salvador and the Municipality of Mejicanos, and from organizations such as

the Latin American Campaign for the Right to Education (CLADE), APROCSAL, and the Tinker Foundation.

ASAFOCAIS applied for registration with the OAS on March 13, 2014.

2. Name, address, and date of establishment

Name of Organization: Asociación Salvadoreña para la Formación y Capacitación Integral Sostenible (ASAFOCAIS)

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Date established: September 5, 1998

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

Asociación Salvadoreña para la Formación y Capacitación Integral Sostenible (ASAFOCAIS) seeks to contribute to integral development for Salvadoran families by providing professional and comprehensive development training on issues involving children and adolescents. The primary areas of activity and contributions by *ASAFOCAIS* that could be of interest to the OAS include:

- Human rights promotion through training workshops on the inter-American legal system;
- Organizing conferences and discussions on migration issues through strategic partnerships with international organizations and local governments;
- Identifying solutions to the problems identified in local communities with a view to achieving integral development for those communities;
- Facilitating participation of civil society groups in the OAS General Assembly, Summits of the Americas, and other OAS-organized forums.

4. Identification of potential areas of collaboration with the OAS

Asociación Salvadoreña para la Formación y Capacitación Integral Sostenible would like to collaborate with the OAS in the following areas:

- Supporting and taking part in activities of the Inter-American Commission of Women (CIM), especially its Declaration on Violence against Women and Girls and their Sexual and Reproductive Rights, to ensure women get sexual and reproductive health care without 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 workshops in local communities;
- Working in conjunction with the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR), in particular with its Rapporteurship on the Rights of LGBTI Persons, to promote public policies that defend the human rights of persons discriminated against because of sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression;
- Participating in the hemispheric debates and activities of the OAS with civil society and remitting recommendations to OAS member states that could serve as inputs for events such as the OAS General Assembly, meetings of the Permanent Council and its committees, IACHR sessions, and so on.

5. Documents submitted by the CSO to the OAS

- Letter to the OAS Secretary General, dated March 13, 2014
- Articles of Incorporation
- Statutes
- Mission and Institutional Vision Statement
- Management Report for 2015
- Financial Statements 2015