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

[Centro de Estudios Políticos Dr. José Antonio Rodríguez Porth]

**ANALYSIS OF THE ELEMENTS RELATED TO THE APPLICATION BY THE
CENTRO DE ESTUDIOS POLITICOS DR. JOSÉ ANTONIO RODRÍGUEZ PORTH
DE EL SALVADOR TO PARTICIPATE IN OAS ACTIVITIES**

This document has been prepared by the Department of International Affairs, Secretariat for External Relations to provide member states of the Organization of American States (OAS) with information on the civil society organization *Centro de Estudios Políticos Dr. José Antonio Rodríguez Porth*.

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 a list of supporting documentation presented by the *Centro de Estudios Políticos Dr. José Antonio Rodríguez Porth*, in accordance with the aforementioned Guidelines.

1. Background

The *Centro de Estudios Políticos Dr. José Antonio Rodríguez Porth* (CEP) is a non-profit civil society organization established in 2002 in El Salvador. The Center has an educational and political function as a think tank devoted to analysis, education, research, and political training. Its activities seek to strengthen democratic values through scientific studies on El Salvador's social, economic, and political problems; preparation and publication of documents or reports with the results of those studies; and training sessions for groups and members of Salvadorian society who are interested in political training.

In 2006, the *Centro de Estudios Políticos Dr. José Antonio Rodríguez Porth* worked with the OAS and the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) to develop the Training Program for Democratic Leaders (CALIDEM).

The *Centro de Estudios Políticos Dr. José Antonio Rodríguez Porth* works in cooperation with several organizations, such as the Foundation for the Analysis of Social Studies (FAES), Association for Conflict Resolution and Cooperation (ARCO), Jaime Guzmán Foundation, Argentine Federation of Municipalities, Social Investment Fund for Local Development in El Salvador, and the Union of Latin American Parties, among other organizations at the international level.

The *Centro de Estudios Políticos Dr. José Antonio Rodríguez Porth* finances its work primarily with contributions from the Social Investment Fund for Local Development in El Salvador, the Hanns Seidel Foundation in Germany, and the Institutional Strengthening Project, a Central American program that seeks to create a regional agenda to address nutritional security.

The *Centro de Estudios Políticos Dr. José Antonio Rodríguez Porth* submitted its application to the OAS on March 25, 2008.

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

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3. Primary areas of activity of the CSO and their relationship to OAS activities

The mission of the *Centro de Estudios Políticos Dr. José Antonio Rodríguez Porth* is to educate and strengthen the political class and encourage efficiency in local technical management, in keeping with democratic values and principles. Its primary activities are the following:

- Offering seminars, courses, and training sessions to various sectors of the population on a variety of topics, such as politics and organizational, human, and managerial development, leadership training for youth, and monitoring of the electoral process in El Salvador.
- Doing scientific studies on El Salvador’s main social, economic, and political problems, and preparing reports with the research results for publication.

4. CSO contributions that could be of interest to the OAS

The *Centro de Estudios Políticos Dr. José Antonio Rodríguez Porth* can contribute to OAS work areas through the following activities:

- Holding of training seminars in leadership, management, and other activities in El Salvador and the region to educate civil society and encourage its active participation in local politics.
- Preparation and publication of studies on social, economic, and political problems in El Salvador in order to provide the OAS with timely information on these subjects.

5. Identification of work areas with the OAS

The *Centro de Estudios Políticos Dr. José Antonio Rodríguez Porth* considers that it could contribute to OAS efforts in training in leadership, management, and political participation in the following ways:

- Promotion and defense of democratic values in the Inter-American Democratic Charter, institutional development and strengthening of mechanisms for citizen participation together with the Department of State Modernization and Good Governance of the Secretariat for Political Affairs.
- Support for the work of the Department of International Affairs of the Secretariat for External Affairs in order to strengthen mechanisms for citizen participation.
- Preparation of ad-hoc studies for the OAS General Secretariat on economic and financial subjects.
- Participation in the Summits of the Americas process and presentation of its recommendations through the initiatives of the Summits Secretariat.

6. Documentation submitted by the CSO to the OAS:

- Letter to the Secretary General of the OAS, March 25, 2008
- Charter
- Statutes
- Annual reports, 2005-2006, 2006-2007
- Institutional vision and mission statement
- Audited financial statements and sources of financing, 2007