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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)]

[Fundación Sí a la Vida]

ANALYSIS OF THE REQUEST BY *FUNDACIÓN SÍ A LA VIDA*
[YES TO LIFE FOUNDATION] 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 *Fundación Sí a la Vida*.

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 *Fundación Sí a la Vida* in accordance with the aforementioned Guidelines.

1. Background

Fundación Sí a la Vida is a nonprofit nongovernmental organization founded on December 22, 1993 in San Salvador, El Salvador, to reaffirm ethical and moral values and respect for life from conception through to natural death, and to strengthen the family and respect for the dignity of persons.

Fundación Sí a la Vida defends human rights and the role of the family as the nucleus of society in the educational process, in order to provide greater opportunities and guarantee the integral development of children and their interaction with society.

Fundación Sí a la Vida seeks solutions to the social, economic, and moral crisis in society today: the marked deterioration of institutions, citizen insecurity, disintegration of the family, impunity, social injustice, poverty, crime, violence, and corruption; by preparing individuals and professionals in all social spheres to be able to perform tasks offering guidance, advice, and teaching.

Fundación Sí a la Vida offers programs for parents, teachers, and students, bringing knowledge and training to bear on issues relating to emotional and sexual upbringing, the defense of human life at every stage, fighting poverty and violence, and providing medical and psychological support to women undergoing unexpected pregnancies.

Fundación Sí a la Vida has plans for assisting and sheltering single mothers who are victims of abuse and abandonment. The Foundation provides accommodation, food, education, medical and psychological care, training in bringing up children, and the basic technical skills needed to get along in life and forge a life plan.

Fundación Sí a la Vida carries on its projects with the help of funds from private enterprises, such as: Simán, Catalana, Petacones, Dizucar, Bimbo, Aquapura, Arrocería San Francisco, Calleja y Embutidos de El Salvador, and others. The Foundation also raises funds through talks, raffles, lectures, musical works, and Christmas carol (*villancico*) parties.

Fundación Sí a la Vida submitted its application to the OAS on April 23, 2015.

2. Name, address, and date of establishment

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President: Julia Regina de Cardenal
Date established: December 22, 1993

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

Fundación Sí a la Vida works in the fields of human development, human rights, protection of the family and the rights of children, adolescents, and young people. The main areas of activity and contributions of the CSO that may be of interest to the OAS include:

- Working to strengthen the family in terms of effectiveness, sexuality, and fertility, and the defense of human life at each of its stages.
- Combating poverty and violence through assistance programs that include offering shelter, food, and training for women who have been victims of mistreatment and/or are in a socially at-risk situation,
- Advocating respect for human life and rights through participation in radio and television programs, with a view to informing and educating the population on marriage, family, and abortion issues.

4. Identification of potential areas of collaboration with the OAS

Fundación Sí la a Vida proposes to collaborate with the OAS in the following areas:

- Collaborating with the Inter-American Children's Institute (IIN) in its educational and training programs on the rights of children, adolescents, and families;
- Working with the OAS Department of Human Development and Education by promoting and disseminating its programs focusing on education and human and social development.

- Supporting and helping to monitor implementation of the Inter-American Convention on Support Obligations; the Inter-American Convention on the International Return of Children; the Inter-American Convention on International Traffic in Minors; and the Inter-American Convention on Conflict of Laws Concerning the Adoption of Minors, through situation reports;
- Taking part in hemispheric debates on the subject open to civil society and submitting recommendations to OAS member states that may serve as inputs for events such as the OAS General Assembly, meetings of the Permanent Council, and the IACHR's periods of sessions, as well as others.

5. Documents submitted by the CSO to the OAS

- Letter to the OAS Secretary General, dated Thursday, April 23, 2015
- Sources of financing, 2014-2015
- Annual Report for 2014
- Articles of Incorporation
- Statutes