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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 por la Dignidad y la Vida (Las Dignas)]

REVIEW OF THE APPLICATION BY *LA ASOCIACIÓN DE MUJERES POR LA DIGNIDAD Y LA VIDA (LAS DIGNAS)* TO BE REGISTERED WITH THE OAS

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 por la Dignidad y la Vida (Las Dignas)*.

The information contained in this report is provided pursuant 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 data and documentation presented by *Las Dignas* in accordance with the aforementioned Guidelines.

1. **Background**

Las Dignas emerged at the time of the peace accords of July 14, 1990, and was legally established in 1993 as an autonomous, diverse feminist non-profit organization that seeks to advance the integral development of women and fairer relations between men and women.

Las Dignas’s mission is to promote the autonomy and empowerment of women and encourage them to make individual and collective transformations by challenging sexist socialization processes based on violence against women, sexual division of labor, exclusion from political participation, and control of their bodies, so that they can fight for the right to pleasure, to be happy, and equality.

Las Dignas seeks to contribute to the eradication of the patriarchal, heterosexist order and other forms of oppression and injustice, as well as to raise quality of life for, and fight against specific violence against, women through the construction of an organized force, political debate, awareness, advocacy, and feminist political pressure.

Las Dignas derives funds from donations, inheritances, and contributions, as well as from profits obtained from the investment of its assets and income from lawful activities.

Las Dignas submitted its application to the OAS on July 22, 2021.

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

- Organization Name: *Asociación de Mujeres por la Dignidad y la Vida (Las Dignas)*
- Telephones: (503) 2529-5800
- Address: Av. Bernal #16 “S”, Colonia Satélite, San Salvador, El Salvador
- E-mail address: coordinacion@lasdignas.org.sv
- President: Amanda Libertad Castro
- General Coordinator: América Romualdo
- Date established: 1993

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

Las Dignas promotes social, political, cultural, environmental, and economic transformations, seeking to eliminate the subordination and oppression of women and to ensure respect for the human rights of women in El Salvador. It therefore proposes to work in all areas, programs and spaces in which the OAS addresses issues aimed at eradicating inequalities and gender-based violence, contributing to the OAS based on experience accumulated over 31 years working in defense of women's autonomy and rights.

4. Identification of potential areas of collaboration with the OAS

Asociación de Mujeres por la Dignidad y la Vida (Las Dignas) proposes to collaborate with the OAS in the following areas:

Working with the Inter-American Commission of Women to ensure the defense of women's rights and equality and contributing to the eradication of subordination and violence against women.

Collaborating with the Department of Social Inclusion of the Secretariat for Access to Rights and Equity to ensure access to rights and equity for all, especially women.

Following up on implementation of mandates of the Summits of the Americas and resolutions of the OAS General Assembly and Permanent Council; and

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 by the CSO to the OAS

- Application letter to the Secretary General of the OAS
- Articles of Incorporation and Statute
- Activity report for 2019
- Institutional mission statement
- 2020 financial statements
- Sources of financing