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PARTICIPATION BY CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS
IN OAS ACTIVITIES [CP/RES. 759 (1217/99)]

*[Asociación de Organismos No Gubernamentales
con Presencia en Zonas Fronterizas de Honduras (ASONOG)]*

ANALYSIS OF ELEMENTS FOR REGISTRATION BY *ASOCIACIÓN DE ORGANISMOS NO GUBERNAMENTALES CON PRESENCIA EN ZONAS FRONTERIZAS DE HONDURAS (ASONOG)*
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 Organismos No Gubernamentales con Presencia en Zonas Fronterizas de Honduras (ASONOG)*.

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 list of documentation presented by *Asociación de Organismos No Gubernamentales con Presencia en Zonas Fronterizas de Honduras (ASONOG)* in accordance with the aforementioned Guidelines.

1. Background

Asociación de Organismos No Gubernamentales con Presencia en Zonas Fronterizas de Honduras (ASONOG) is a nonprofit organization established on September 10, 2007 in Tegucigalpa, Honduras. Its main objective is to coordinate social actors and processes to promote empowerment and political advocacy in Honduran border communities.

ASONOG seeks to establish itself as a network of civil society organizations devoted to strengthening citizen engagement and human development by promoting a sustainable growth approach. It focuses on issues related to municipal management, decent employment, and food security, while prioritizing the inclusion of persons of African descent, young people, and women.

ASONOG works in the following areas:

- Democratic governance: through training sessions for public servants and promotion of citizen engagement in public policymaking;
- Training and institutional strengthening: by developing action plans focused on inter-agency cooperation for municipal governments, and organizing multinational working meetings;
- Socioeconomic development: by creating decent employment and food security initiatives, as well as training and support programs for economic empowerment of women and people of African descent;
- Health: through campaigns to raise awareness about sexual and reproductive health, with a view to reducing unwanted pregnancies and the spread of sexually-transmitted diseases.

ASONOG funds its activities with resources from international organizations like Oxfam Great Britain, *Brot fur die Welt*, and Cooperative Housing Foundation (CHF), as well as local organizations, such as Com Rural, the Humboldt Center, and the Salvadoran Humanitarian Aid Association.

ASONOG applied for registration with the OAS on May 15, 2017.

2. Name, address, and date of establishment

Name of Organization: *Asociación de Organismos No Gubernamentales con Presencia en Zonas Fronterizas de Honduras (ASONOG)*

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Executive Director: José Ramón Ávila Quiñónez

Date established: September 10, 2007

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

Asociación de Organismos No Gubernamentales con Presencia en Zonas Fronterizas de Honduras (ASONOG) is engaged in supporting local democracies, particularly as regards economic and social rights and fair, equitable, and suitable working conditions. Its primary areas of activity and contributions that could be of interest to the OAS include:

- Promoting economic and social rights, through publicity campaigns and education programs to train leaders and public servants;
- Promoting citizen engagement in making and monitoring public policies to ensure access to decent work without discrimination;
- Developing and applying solutions to problems that are specific to border communities, people of African descent, and women;
- Facilitating the participation of civil society organizations in the OAS General Assembly, Summits of the Americas, and all other forums organized by the Organization of American States.

4. Identification of potential areas of collaboration with the OAS

Asociación de Organismos No Gubernamentales con Presencia en Zonas Fronterizas de Honduras (ASONOG) proposes to collaborate with the OAS in the following areas:

- Supporting the activities of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR), particularly the Economic, Social and Cultural Rights Unit, to ensure fair,

equitable, and suitable working conditions, without discrimination based on gender or race;

- Collaborating with the Department of Social Inclusion of the Secretariat for Access to Rights and Equity, while supporting the Working Group of the Protocol of San Salvador by providing information (periodic assessments, progress reports, action plans) to the states parties;
- Working together with the Relations with Civil Society Section of the Secretariat for Access to Rights and Equity to promote and ensure the participation of Honduran civil society organizations in OAS activities;
- Promoting the principles of the Inter-American Democratic Charter, especially those related to fostering a democratic culture and combating poverty in the region, through political advocacy both in civil society organizations and the public sector; and
- Participating in hemispheric debates and activities of the OAS with civil society and remitting recommendations to OAS member states that could serve as input for events such as the OAS General Assembly, the Summit of the Americas, meetings of the Permanent Council and its committees, sessions of the IACHR, and so on.

5. Documents submitted to the OAS

- Letter to the OAS Secretary General, dated May 15, 2017
- Certificate of incorporation
- Statutes
- Mission statement
- 2016 Annual Activities Report
- 2016 Financial Statement
- 2016 Sources of funding and strategic partners
- 2015 Financial Statements