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APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN OAS ACTIVITIES
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SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS IN OAS ACTIVITIES [CP/RES. 759 (1217/99)]

[Asociación para una Ciudadanía Participativa (ACI-PARTICIPA)]

ANALYSIS OF THE ELEMENTS RELATED TO THE APPLICATION BY
ASOCIACIÓN PARA UNA CIUDADANÍA PARTICIPATIVA (ACI-PARTICIPA)
TO PARTICIPATE IN OAS ACTIVITIES

This document was prepared by the Summits of the Americas Secretariat to provide Member States of the Organization of American States (OAS) with information on the civil society organization (CSO) *Asociación para una Ciudadanía Participativa (ACI-PARTICIPA)*.

The information contained in this report responds to resolution CP/RES. 759 (1217/99), “Guidelines for the Participation of Civil Society Organizations in OAS Activities.” This document contains a summary and a list of supporting documentation presented by *ACI-PARTICIPA* in accordance with the aforementioned Guidelines.

1. Background

Asociación para una Ciudadanía Participativa (ACI-PARTICIPA) is a non-profit association founded in May, 2002 in Tegucigalpa, Honduras with the objective of protecting and promoting human rights through increased citizen participation in government decision-making.

ACI-PARTICIPA carries out its mission through the implementation of programs and projects, as well as the formation of associations with other civil society organizations. It offers technical assistance to civil society groups in the design, implementation, and evaluation of development and political reform projects.

ACI-PARTICIPA has affiliate organizations throughout the country and maintains relations with similar organizations internationally, such as ACI-AMERICAS. Its governing bodies consist of three executive arms: the General Assembly, the Board of Directors, and the Consultative Council.

ACI-PARTICIPA is financed through programs and contributions from national and international non-governmental organizations, such as the Programa de los Derechos Humanos en Centroamérica and Transparency International, including funds destined for use in specific projects.

ACI-PARTICIPA submitted its application on July 4, 2006.

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

Name of the Organization: *Asociación para una Ciudadanía Participativa (ACI-PARTICIPA)*

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Director Ejecutivo: Leo Valladares Lanza
Date established: May 2002

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

The main objective of *ACI-PARTICIPA* is to promote human rights in Honduras through supporting active civil society participation. Its activities are related to those of the OAS in the following areas:

- Promote and protect human rights;
- Combat corruption and advocate political reform in government;
- Encourage active civil society participation in governmental decision-making;
- Educate citizens regarding their rights to access justice, and urge citizens to execute their rights to the judicial system;
- Propose methodologies and development strategies to combat poverty.

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

ACI-PARTICIPA carries out its mission by providing support to civil society in areas related to democratic governance, judicial reform, and poverty reduction. The following activities of *ACI-PARTICIPA* may be of interest to the OAS:

- Carry out workshops on campaign finance reform and advocate political reform initiatives;
- Develop and distribute publications on political candidates and members of the Honduran Congress, leading to a more informed citizenry;
- Support efforts of the Honduras national legislature to promote modernization; in particular, follow recommendations of the First Inter-American Forum on Legislative Modernization, as well as inter-parliamentary cooperation oriented toward initiatives to strengthen the capacity of the legislature to fight corruption, poverty, inequality, and social exclusion;

- Monitor international treaties against corruption, such as the Inter-American Convention Against Corruption;
- Design educational programs and curricula to build capacity among civil society organizations to carry out poverty-reducing programs.

5. Identification of the OAS work areas in which the CSO proposes to support ongoing activities or to make recommendations on the best way to achieve OAS objectives

ACI-PARTICIPA can support the OAS in the fight against corruption in the framework of the Inter-American Convention against Corruption and in its efforts to strengthen democratic institutions and promote citizen participation. In particular, *ACI-PARTICIPA* can assist the organs, agencies, and entities of the Organization in the following ways:

- Monitor the implementation the Inter-American Convention Against Corruption and disseminate its follow up mechanism (MESICIC);
- Foster democratic governance through collaboration with the Secretariat for Political Affairs by promoting respect for the rule of law, the principles enshrined in the Inter-American Democratic Charter, and advocating campaign finance reform initiatives as suggested by the Inter-American Forum on Political Parties;
- Promote measures to provide governments and civil society with a better understanding of the Inter-American Democratic Charter and the inter-American agenda for the promotion and defense of democracy;
- Support the work of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) by disseminating information to the general public on inter-American human rights instruments, ensuring compliance with international agreements, and fostering dialogue about human rights and international human rights law;
- Assist the Inter-American Committee for Social Development of the Inter-American Council for Integral Development (CIDI) in formulating and implementing policies to combat poverty, social exclusion, and social inequality.

6. Documents submitted by the CSO to the OAS

- Letter addressed to OAS Secretary General dated July 4, 2006
- Constitution dated July 18, 2003
- Statutes dated July 14, 2003
- Annual Report 2005
- Institutional Mission Statement (stated within the Plan Estratégico 2004-2007)
- Financial Statement 2005 (audited by Contador Público Raúl Morán M.)