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

[*Asociación para un Vida Mejor de Personas Infectadas y Afectadas por el VIH/SIDA en Honduras*
(APUVIMEH) / Association for a Better Life for People Infected and Affected by HIV/AIDS in
Honduras]

ANALYSIS OF ELEMENTS RELATED TO THE PARTICIPATION OF THE *ASOCIACION PARA UNA VIDA MEJOR DE PERSONAS INFECTADAS Y AFECTADAS POR EL VIH/SIDA EN HONDURAS* [ASSOCIATION FOR A BETTER LIFE FOR PEOPLE INFECTED AND AFFECTED BY HIV-AIDS IN HONDURAS (APUVIMEH)] IN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE PROCESS FOR REGISTERING CIVIL SOCIETY IN OAS ACTIVITIES

This document was written by the Department of International Affairs/ Secretariat for External Relations, with the goal of providing information to member states of the Organization of American States (OAS) about the civil society organization *Asociación para un Vida Mejor de Personas Infectadas y Afectadas por el VIH/SIDA en Honduras* (APUVIMEH).

The information contained in this report corresponds to Resolution CP/RES.759 (1217/99) “Guidelines for the Participation of Civil Society Organizations in OAS Activities” and includes a summary and a description of the various items and documentation presented by *Asociación para un Vida Mejor de Personas Infectadas y Afectadas por el VIH/SIDA en Honduras* (APUVIMEH) in compliance with the provisions of the aforementioned Guidelines.

1. Background

Asociación para un Vida Mejor de Personas Infectadas y Afectadas por el VIH/SIDA en Honduras (APUVIMEH) is a non-profit organization founded on September 4, 2006 in Tegucigalpa, Honduras. Its mission is to assist people who are living with HIV/AIDS by defending their human, social, economic, and political rights.

APUVIMEH works in coordination with public and private institutions, both local and international, on the prevention of HIV/AIDS. It funds its activities through contributions received from non-governmental organizations and private sector organizations including World Vision Honduras, *Fundación Una Libra de Amor*, *Mujeres Cristianas Victoriosas*, Colgate Palmolive, United States Agency for International Development (USAID), the Royal Embassy of the Netherlands in Costa Rica, the Schorer Foundation, and the Humanist Institute for Cooperation with Developing Countries, among others.

APUMIVEH presented its application for registration with the OAS on March 11, 2009.

2. Organization’s Name, Address, and Date of Incorporation

Name of the Organization: *Asociación para un Vida Mejor de Personas Infectadas y Afectadas por el VIH/SIDA en Honduras* (APUVIMEH)

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Date of Incorporation: September 4, 2006

3. Primary Area of Work and Relationship with OAS Activities

APUMIVEH assists people who are living with HIV/AIDS by promoting and contributing to the protection of their human, social, economic, and political rights. Activities carried out by APUMIVEH are related to OAS activities in that they:

- Promote and protect the human, social, economic, and political rights of people who are infected with the HIV/AIDS virus;
- Publish and distribute research projects related to HIV/ AIDS and they contribute to the formulation and implementation of public policies related to care for HIV/AIDS patients and the prevention of the HIV/AIDS virus; and
- Promote alliances between civil society, the private sector, and the government in order to coordinate efforts to fund and implement programs focused on care and on the prevention of the HIV/AIDS virus.

4. Contributions of the Organization that are of Interest to the OAS

APUMIVEH activities include training programs, report writing, and the organization of forums. Some of the contributions of this organization that could be of interest to the OAS are:

- Training programs aimed at raising awareness in the population about the rights of people who are infected with the HIV/AIDS virus and at stimulating dialogue within civil society, the private sector, and the government about issues related to HIV/AIDS; and
- The design and implementation of prevention programs that help reduce the number of people infected with HIV/AIDS in Honduras and contribute to the adoption of public policies and business practices that reduce the stigma of HIV/AIDS in the workplace.

5. Identification of OAS Work Areas

APUMIVEH believes that its activities could be useful for the work carried out by the various bodies and departments of the OAS. It could contribute to their work in the following ways:

- Support the work of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) in the promotion and protection of the human rights of people who are living with HIV/AIDS;
- Collaborating with the Inter-American Commission of Women (CIM) in its efforts to eliminate violence and discrimination against women, teenagers, and children as expressed in the San Salvador Declaration: Gender, Violence, and AIDS; and
- Contribute to and support the Secretariat for the Summit of the Americas and the Department of International Affairs of the Secretariat for External Relations (SER) by participating in ministerial meetings and in the forums of the OAS political bodies in order to strengthen mechanisms for citizen participation.

6. Documents Presented to the OAS

- Letter to the OAS Secretary General, March 11, 2009
- Articles of Incorporation, September 4, 2006
- By-laws
- 2008 Annual Report of Activities
- 2008 Financial Statements (audited by C.P. Elena I. Cacho)