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

[Centro para el Desarrollo Comunal (CEDECO) – Center for Community Development]

ANALYSIS OF FACTORS RELATED TO THE APPLICATION BY
EL CENTRO PARA EL DESARROLLO COMUNAL (CEDECO) (CENTER FOR COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT)
TO PARTICIPATE IN OAS ACTIVITIES

This document was prepared by the Summits Secretariat to provide member states of the Organization of American States (OAS) with information on the civil society organization *Centro para el Desarrollo Comunal (CEDECO)* of Honduras.

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 contains a summary and a list of supporting documentation presented by CEDECO, in accordance with the aforementioned Guidelines.

1. Background

CEDECO is a civil society organization established in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, in 1989. The aim of the Center is to promote integral development in indigenous communities, communities of persons of African descent, and low-income communities by devising, administering, overseeing, and executing programs and projects in the areas of production, infrastructure, education, health, and the protection, monitoring, and improvement of the environment and natural resources.

CEDECO funds its activities with financial resources from the Kellogg Foundation, community donations, member contributions, and interest income.

It filed its application with the OAS on April 13, 2005.

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

Name:	Centro para el Desarrollo Comunal (CEDECO)
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Executive Director:	Roy Guevara Aarhus
Secretary:	Orlando Trujillo
Comptroller:	Claudia Sermenio Lima
Date established:	April 8, 1989

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

CEDECO's main objective is to promote integral and sustainable development in indigenous communities, communities of persons of African descent, and low-income communities. Other CEDECO objectives related to OAS activities are:

- Identifying, formulating, and evaluating projects aimed at the conservation, improvement, and monitoring of the environment and natural resources
- Identifying, formulating, and evaluating preventive health and health services projects
- Conducting training and technical assistance seminars on various subjects, such as human rights, participatory democracy, and sustainable development
- Promoting research programs on topics such as tourism development and poverty alleviation
- Establishing documentation centers to facilitate community access to new sources of information and expertise on topics such as human rights, social and economic development, and civic participation
- Assisting with institution-building at private nonprofit organizations

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

CEDECO can contribute to OAS efforts through the following activities:

- Production and dissemination of audiovisual and written communication tools that will convey strategic OAS messages and information about existing programs in the area of human rights and social development
- Organization of community seminars fostering civil society participation in specific actions geared toward the protection of human rights and direct participation in formulating and implementing public policy in matters of infrastructure, education, the environment, and health
- Reporting on, advising on, and evaluating commercial and production projects generated by civil society organizations to improve microenterprise development
- Training communities to prepare and evaluate production projects and natural resource management projects
- Providing forums for participation, negotiation, and discussion with the state and with other nongovernmental organizations to develop joint programs on the protection, management, and improvement of the environment

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

CEDECO believes it can contribute to OAS efforts in the defense and promotion of human rights and in the implementation of social development programs by:

- Supporting and publicizing the Inter-American Democratic Charter through initiatives to strengthen and uphold democracy
- Promoting the activities of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) and the Inter-American Court of Human Rights
- Participating in and supporting the activities and programs of the Executive Secretariat for Integral Development, especially with the Department of Follow-up, Policies, and Programs, the Department of Trade, Tourism, and Competitiveness (Competitiveness and Small Enterprise Section), and the Department of Social Development and Employment
- Participating in the Summits of the Americas process through Summits Secretariat activities

6. Documents submitted by the CSO to the OAS

- Letter addressed to the OAS Secretary General, dated March 18, 2005
- Summary of OAS registration requirements
- *CEDECO*'s institutional program
- Financial statement for January 1 to August 30, 2004
- *CEDECO* statutes, signed on April 8, 1992
- Trade name application, signed July 8, 1993
- AFROAMERICA XXI performance statement as of December 31, 2003