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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 la Prevención, Tratamiento y Rehabilitación
de las Víctimas de la Tortura y sus Familiares]*

ANALYSIS OF FACTORS RELATING TO THE APPLICATION BY
*CENTRO PARA LA PREVENCIÓN, TRATAMIENTO Y REHABILITACIÓN DE LAS VÍCTIMAS DE
LA TORTURA Y SUS FAMILIARES* TO PARTICIPATE IN OAS ACTIVITIES

This document was prepared by the Department of International Affairs/Secretariat for External Relations to provide the member states of the Organization of American States (OAS) with information on the civil society organization (CSO) *Centro para la Prevención, Tratamiento y Rehabilitación de las Víctimas de la Tortura y sus Familiares* [Center for the Prevention of Torture, and the Treatment and Rehabilitation of Victims of Torture and Their Families].

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,” and includes a summary and a list of data and documentation presented by *Centro para la Prevención, Tratamiento y Rehabilitación de las Víctimas de la Tortura y sus Familiares* in accordance with the aforementioned Guidelines.

1. Background

Centro para la Prevención, Tratamiento y Rehabilitación de las Víctimas de la Tortura y sus Familiares is a nonprofit organization founded in on August 4, 1997, in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, to promote the protection of human rights and a culture of peace.

Centro para la Prevención, Tratamiento y Rehabilitación de las Víctimas de la Tortura y sus Familiares develops and implements follow-up and advisory services programs for victims of human rights violations, as well as training programs on human rights.

Centro para la Prevención, Tratamiento y Rehabilitación de las Víctimas de la Tortura y sus Familiares has entered into cooperation agreements with the National Commissioner for the Protection of Human Rights, the Attorney General’s Office, and the Secretariat for Security, enabling it to intervene directly through prevention actions with victims and perpetrators of human rights violations.

Centro para la Prevención, Tratamiento y Rehabilitación de las Víctimas de la Tortura y sus Familiares finances its activities through contributions from organizations such as DanChurchAid, Save the Children, Danish International Development Assistance (DANIDA), and voluntary contributions from its members.

Centro para la Prevención, Tratamiento y Rehabilitación de las Víctimas de la Tortura y sus Familiares submitted its request for registration with the OAS on March 26, 2009.

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

Name: *Centro para la Prevención, Tratamiento y Rehabilitación de las Víctimas de la Tortura y sus Familiares*
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Date of incorporation: 4 August 1997

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

Centro para la Prevención, Tratamiento y Rehabilitación de las Víctimas de la Tortura y sus Familiares focuses on promoting human rights and a culture of peace. The following activities of the organization bear some relation to the work of the OAS:

- Promoting the protection of human rights and a culture of peace;
- Investigating cases of human rights violations and providing legal counseling for victims;
- Developing networks of civilians who work in violence prevention with young adults, adolescents, and children in Honduras; and
- Supporting the implementation of the national mechanism for the prevention of torture established in the Optional Protocol to the United Nations Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment.

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

Centro para la Prevención, Tratamiento y Rehabilitación de las Víctimas de la Tortura y sus Familiares conducts its activities by means of agreements, training programs, research, and prevention. Contributions already made by the organization and that might be of interest to the OAS include:

- Promotion and monitoring compliance with international human rights instruments;
- Cooperation with experts in monitoring compliance with the Inter-American Convention to Prevent and Punish Torture;
- Implementing violence prevention programs at the community level that can serve as a model for its implementation at the national and regional levels;

- Training law enforcement officers through the implementation of educational programs on human rights, promoting a culture of peace; and
- Conducting and publishing research on the situation of human rights in Honduras.

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 objective

Centro para la Prevención, Tratamiento y Rehabilitación de las Víctimas de la Tortura y sus Familiares is interested in supporting current OAS activities and making recommendations on the best way to achieve the objectives of the Organization in areas such as human rights, a culture of peace, the promotion of democracy, strengthening civil society participation, and protecting the rights of children and adolescents. Thus, it could lend support to the OAS by:

- Upholding the principles of the Inter-American Democratic Charter;
- Contributing to the efforts of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) to promote and protect human rights in Honduras;
- Disseminating the work of the Committee on Juridical and Political Affairs (CAJP) of the OAS Permanent Council to prepare the Convention against Racism and All Forms of Discrimination and Intolerance, promoting a reduction in violence and crime;
- Supporting the work of the Department of International Affairs of the Secretariat for External Relations to promote civil society participation in OAS activities;
- Making recommendations to the Committee on Hemispheric Security of the Permanent Council regarding the prevention of violence and crime; and
- Contributing to the efforts of the Inter-American Children's Institute (IIN) to promote and protect the rights of children and adolescents.

6. Documents submitted by the CSO to the OAS

- Letter addressed to the OAS Secretary General, dated March 26, 2009
- Articles of incorporation of August 4, 1997
- Certificate of adoption of byelaws of August 6, 1997
- Annual activity report for 2007/2008
- Financial statements up to 2007 (audited by Soluciones Empresariales)