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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)]

[Consejo Nacional Anticorrupción]

ANALYSIS OF FACTORS RELATING TO THE APPLICATION BY *CONSEJO NACIONAL ANTICORRUPCIÓN* TO PARTICIPATE IN OAS ACTIVITIES

This document was prepared by the Department of International Affairs/Secretariat for External Relations to provide information to the member states of the Organization of American States (OAS) on the civil society organization *Consejo Nacional Anticorrupción* (National Council to Combat Corruption).

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 *Consejo Nacional Anticorrupción* in accordance with the aforementioned Guidelines.

1. Background

Consejo Nacional Anticorrupción is an independent, legally recognized organization of indefinite duration, with its own equity capital. It was founded in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, pursuant to Decree No. 7-2005 of March 3, 2005.

In accordance with the above-mentioned special law, *Consejo Nacional Anticorrupción* supports the policies and actions of the Government of Honduras in the fight against corruption. It also seeks to promote democracy, human rights, and integral development. These objectives are pursued through the following programs designed to promote citizen participation in government policy-making:

- The "Cara a la Ciudadanía" [Transparency] Program
- Integrity Day
- March for Integrity and against Corruption
- Moral Partnership for Integrity and against Corruption
- Support for Anticorruption Legislation
- The Education in Values Program
- Strategic Partnerships with Civil Society, International Cooperation, and the Government

Consejo Nacional Anticorrupción comprises representatives of a number of Honduran civil society organizations. It finances its activities through the Government of Honduras, the World Bank, the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA), and contributions from its members and donors.

Consejo Nacional Anticorrupción submitted its application to the OAS on March 29, 2006.

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

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Date of establishment: March 3, 2005

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

Consejo Nacional Anticorrupción works to promote efforts to combat corruption through citizen participation in democratic processes that advance human development. **Its activities are related to those of the OAS in the following areas:**

- Proposing policies, strategies, and action plans to prevent and combat corruption in Honduras;
- Encouraging strategic anti-corruption and pro-transparency partnerships of national and foreign, public and private sector institutions;
- Promoting a national culture of opposition to corruption with all social sectors through ongoing citizen sensitization and awareness campaigns;
- Collaborating with the authorities in the design of monitoring and evaluation mechanisms and participating in their implementation;
- Developing citizen inclusion and participation programs, cooperating with civil society organizations in joint projects in education, democracy, development, and culture.
- Pursuing educational programs geared to combating crime in all its manifestations;
- Promoting citizen participation programs on human rights issues by holding forums, meetings, and workshops in colleges and universities.

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

Consejo Nacional Anticorrupción can contribute to OAS efforts through the following activities:

- Disseminating television and radio interviews with government officials on transparency in political campaign financing;
- Conducting training seminars, in collaboration with international cooperation agencies, to foster the participation of civil society organizations in local politics;
- Organizing citizen participation forums, in which the different segments of society meet to exchange experiences and perspectives, with a view to putting forward recommendations regarding social development and the eradication of poverty; and
- Publishing press releases on complaints and judgments in corruption cases.

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

Consejo Nacional Anticorrupción considers that it can contribute to OAS efforts by:

- Contributing to the activities carried out pursuant to the Inter-American Convention against Corruption, through its Follow-Up Mechanism for Implementation (MESICIC), and making recommendations to the Department of Legal Cooperation of the Secretariat for Legal Affairs on combating corruption in the Hemisphere;
- Working with the Secretariat for Political Affairs (SPA) to promote the principles of the OAS Inter-American Democratic Charter regarding mandates on citizen participation;
- Collaborating with the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) on matters related to promotion and protection of the human rights of the people of the Americas;
- Collaborating with the Secretariat for Legal Affairs in its efforts to implement mechanisms for preventing, detecting, and eradicating corruption;
- Supporting the work of the Department of International Affairs of the Secretariat for External Relations (SER) in order to shore up mechanisms for citizen participation, and working with the Summits Secretariat in the Summit of the Americas process;

6. Documents submitted by the CSO to the OAS

- Letter addressed to the Secretary General, dated March 29, 2006
- Articles of incorporation
- Statutes
- Activities Report 2005 - 2007
- 2007 financial statements, with sources of financing
- Copy of the Official Gazette (*Diario Oficial*) of the Republic of Honduras, containing the “Anticorruption Council” law.
- Certification of extracts from the minutes of the election of CNA’s officers