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

[Centro de la Mujer Panameña (CEMP)]

ANALYSIS OF THE APPLICATION BY *CENTRO DE LA MUJER PANAMEÑA* (CEMP)

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 *Centro de la Mujer Panameña* [Panamanian Women's Center, CEMP].

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 de la Mujer Panameña* (CEMP) in accordance with the aforementioned Guidelines.

1. Background

Centro de la Mujer Panameña (CEMP) is a nonprofit, nongovernmental organization established on June 15, 1990. Its primary objective is to strengthen women's leadership and participation as citizens with a constructive gender perspective that recognizes ethnic and racial diversity and promotes a culture of peace and environmental conservation in order to ensure respect for human rights and equal opportunity for women;

Its work focuses on gender equity, sustainability, promotion of training for women's community groups, putting in place people's committees for environmental education, domestic violence prevention, micro-enterprises, cooperatives, citizen participation, and other organizational forms for women to improve their social status and secure a better position in society.

CEMP has maintained a close relationship with women from the country's different regions and ethnic groups, enabling their empowerment and leadership in social processes within their regions.

The Center's activities include training workshops with women's and youth groups – on their gender rights and identity, empowerment, and community development. CEMP has also participated in various regional and international meetings and forums, through the International Platform for the Summit of People of African Descent and through the Black Central American Organization (CABO).

CEMP funds its projects with support from such institutions as the National Women's Institute (INAMU), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), the Municipality of San Miguelito, United States Agency for International Development (USAID), Tourism Authority United Fund of Panama, Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), the Office of the Mayor of Panama City, and some private companies.

Centro de la Mujer Panameña submitted its application to the OAS on May 9, 2011.

2. Name, address, and date of establishment

Name of Organization: *Centro de la Mujer Panameña (CEMP)*

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President: Cecilia Moreno Rojas

Date established: June 15, 1990

3. Primary areas of activity and contributions that could be of interest to the OAS

The main areas of activity and contributions of the CSO that may be of interest to the OAS include:

- Active participation in civil society forums and consultations, and in intergovernmental and regional forums on protection of the rights of women, people of African descent, indigenous peoples, and young people;
- Promoting public education and community service activities and programs; and
- Developing campaigns to combat domestic violence, care for victims of domestic violence, and ensure a gender, ethnic, and race approach is kept in human rights.

4. Identification of potential areas of collaboration with the OAS

Centro de la Mujer Panameña (CEMP) proposes to collaborate with the OAS in the following areas:

- Promoting campaigns, activities, and principles of the Inter-American Commission of Women (CIM) by helping to attain the goals of the program areas established in its 2011-2016 Strategic Plan;
- Providing the Rapporteurship on the Rights of Women with information and lending its experience, to defend and guarantee women's rights;

- Collaborating with the Department of Human Development, Education and Employment (DDHEE) through recommendations and best practices in inclusive education as well as women's employability and gender equality;
- Helping the Inter-American Commission of Women, the Inter-American Children's Institute (IIN), and the Department of Economic and Social Development (DESD) incorporate gender equity into their activities and documents; and
- Participation in hemispheric debates and OAS activities with civil society and furnishing OAS member states with recommendations to serve as input for such events as the OAS General Assembly, Permanent Council meetings, IACHR sessions, etc.

5. Documents submitted by the CSO to the OAS

- Letter to the Secretary General, dated May 9, 2011
- Official name, contact information, address, and list of managers and representatives
- Articles of incorporation and statutes
- Institutional mission statement
- 2010 financial statement
- Sources of funding
- Annual activities report for 2006 and 2013
- Electronic correspondence with the OAS since 2011