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IN OAS ACTIVITIES [CP/RES. 759 (1217/99)]

*[Instituto Panameño de Derecho y Nuevas Tecnologías - IPANDETEC]*

ANALYSIS OF ELEMENTS FOR REGISTRATION BY THE *INSTITUTO PANAMEÑO DE DERECHO Y NUEVAS TECNOLOGÍAS (IPANDETEC)* TO PARTICIPATE IN OAS ACTIVITIES

This document was prepared by the Relations with Civil Society Section of the Secretariat for Access to Rights and Equity to provide information to the member states of the Organization of American States (OAS) on the civil society organization *Instituto Panameño de Derecho y Nuevas Tecnologías (IPANDETEC)*.

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.” It includes a summary and list of documentation presented by the *Instituto Panameño de Derecho y Nuevas Tecnologías (IPANDETEC)* in keeping with that resolution.

**1. Background**

The *Instituto Panameño de Derecho y Nuevas Tecnologías (IPANDETEC)* (Panamanian Institute of Law and New Technologies) is an organization formed on June 27, 2013, in Panama City, Panama, with the mission of promoting the use and regulation of information and communications technologies (ICTs) in Panamanian and international society.

*IPANDETEC* aims to defend human rights in the digital environment through the promotion of research and the study of law pertaining to new technologies; digital-rights activism; and the promotion of study and research in areas such as Internet governance, entrepreneurship, intellectual and digital industrial property, personal data protection, and Internet privacy.

*IPANDETEC* pursues its objectives by establishing ties with organizations working in the digital rights area, campaigning for awareness of and participation in high-level events with organizations at the national, regional, and international levels, and promoting the sharing of information and good practices, with the aim of devising public policies that protect citizens in the digital environment and reducing the gap in this area in comparison with more developed countries.

*IPANDETEC* also seeks to raise awareness of the importance of digital rights by fostering education in digital law, designing and implementing educational workshops, and offering scholarships in conjunction with the public or private sector at the national and international levels.

*IPANDETEC* finances its activities through yearly contributions from its members and from organizations such as the Latin American Open Data Initiative (ILDA), the Municipality of Panama City, and *Desarrollando América Latina*, and with funding from sponsors and voluntary donors.

The *Instituto Panameño de Derecho y Nuevas Tecnologías (IPANDETEC)* submitted its application to register with the OAS on April 4, 2016.

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

Name of the organization: *Instituto Panameño de Derecho y Nuevas Tecnologías*  
(IPANDETEC)

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Date of establishment: June 27, 2013

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

The *Instituto Panameño de Derecho y Nuevas Tecnologías* contributes to the use and regulation of ICTs in the various sectors of Panamanian and international society. Its primary areas of activity and contributions that could be of interest to the OAS include:

- Conducting initiatives on data protection, protection of intellectual property, open government, and data privacy from the standpoint of human rights in the digital environment, with a focus on civil society.
- Regulation and review of legislation pertaining to the governmental digital environment in Panama and to electronic government.
- Conducting workshops and educational campaigns to raise awareness of digital law and develop public policy in this area.

**4. Identification of potential areas of collaboration with the OAS**

The *Instituto Panameño de Derecho y Nuevas Tecnologías* proposes to work with the OAS in the following areas:

- Supporting the Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Expression of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights in furthering activities to protect and promote the right to freedom of thought and expression, with reference to human rights issues in the digital environment.

- Collaboration with the Electronic Government Section of the OAS Department for Effective Public Management, issuing progress reports on the use of ICTs as applied to the country's public administration, which can serve as contributions toward improving and enriching electronic government programs.
- Together with the OAS, conducting forums, conferences, and activities relating to intellectual property rights, so as to promote strict protection of intellectual property and agreements adopted by the member states throughout the Hemisphere.
- Collaborating with the Cyber-Security Program of the Inter-American Committee against Terrorism (CICTE) in follow-up of and compliance with the Declaration on Strengthening Cyber-Security in the Americas and the Declaration on Protection of Critical Infrastructure from Emerging Threats, through the exchange of information and status reports on the matter.
- Participating in hemispheric debates on the matter that are open to civil society and issuing recommendations to the OAS member states as contributions to events such as OAS General Assembly sessions, Permanent Council meetings, and regular sessions of CICTE, *inter alia*.

**5. Documents submitted by the CSO to the OAS**

- Letter addressed to the OAS Secretary General, April 4, 2016
- Articles of incorporation
- Statutes
- Mission statement
- Annual report for 2015
- Financial statement for 2015, prepared by Alexandra Maria Limchin Pinzón, certified public accountant
- Source of financing, 2015