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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)]

[Mujeres con Dignidad y Derechos de Panamá]

ANALYSIS OF ELEMENTS FOR REGISTRATION BY *MUJERES CON DIGNIDAD Y DERECHOS DE PANAMÁ* 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 *Mujeres con Dignidad y Derechos de Panamá*.

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 includes a summary and list of documentation presented by *Mujeres con Dignidad y Derechos de Panamá* in accordance with the aforementioned Guidelines.

1. **Background**

Mujeres con Dignidad y Derechos de Panamá is the first organization of women sex workers (WSWs) in Panama. Its mission is to defend and promote the rights of WSWs through training, awareness-raising, and promotion of comprehensive self-care.

Mujeres con Dignidad y Derechos de Panamá provides support and training to WSWs through recreational activities, workshops, and talks on physical and mental health. In addition, *Mujeres con Dignidad y Derechos de Panamá* provides training and awareness-raising workshops for authorities and service providers.

Since its inception, *Mujeres con Dignidad y Derechos de Panamá* has been affiliated to the Network of Women Sex Workers of Latin America and the Caribbean and its target groups are: independent sex workers, sex workers who work in recognized premises, migrant sex workers, and sex workers living with HIV/AIDS and sexually transmitted infections.

Mujeres con Dignidad y Derechos de Panamá submitted its application to the OAS on January 28, 2020.

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

Name of the Organization:	Mujeres con Dignidad y Derechos de Panamá
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E-mail address:	mddp.panama@gmail.com
President:	Irina Ceballos
Date of establishment:	January 25, 2016, Articles 480

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

The mission of *Mujeres con Dignidad y Derechos de Panamá* is the eradication of social and institutional violence against women sex workers. It designs and implements outreach and training programs in strategic partnership with government and organized civil society aimed at reducing stigma and discrimination.

4. Identification of potential areas of collaboration with the OAS

Mujeres con Dignidad y Derechos de Panamá proposes to collaborate with the OAS in the following areas:

- Working jointly with the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) to ensure equal social, economic, and political rights for all in the Hemisphere, regardless of gender, in support of women's advocacy movements in the Americas. Likewise, supporting the IACHR in the advancement and search for public policies that recognize the right to sex work;
- Contributing to the mission of the Inter-American Commission of Women (CIM) to promote gender equity in the region;
- Follow-up on implementation of mandates of the Summits of the Americas and resolutions of the OAS General Assembly and the Permanent Council;
- Taking part in hemispheric debates open to civil society and submitting inputs to OAS member states; promoting participation by civil society organizations in activities organized by the OAS and registration of civil society organizations in the OAS roster.

5. Documents submitted by the CSO to the OAS

- Letter to the OAS Secretary General, January 28, 2020
- Articles of Incorporation and Statute
- Activity report for 2019
- Institutional mission statement
- Financial statements 2019