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

[Aireana, Grupo por los Derechos de las Lesbianas]

ANALYSIS OF FACTORS RELATING TO THE APPLICATION BY AIREANA, *GRUPO POR LOS DERECHOS DE LAS LESBIANAS*, 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 *Aireana, Grupo por los Derechos de las Lesbianas* [Aireana, Lesbian Rights Group].

The information contained herein is in response 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 *Aireana, Grupo por los Derechos de las Lesbianas* in accordance with the aforementioned Guidelines.

1. **Background**

Aireana, Grupo por los Derechos de las Lesbianas (Aireana) is a nonprofit organization incorporated on August 24, 2005 in Asuncion, Paraguay, with a mission to defend the rights of lesbians and to advocate for non-discrimination based on sexual orientation. Aireana advances its proposals from a feminist perspective through the creation of inclusive forums for discussion and information to raise awareness about the need for women of a different sexual orientation and/or LGBTTTI (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, transvestites and intersex) to be treated with respect.

Aireana conducts activities such as workshops, round tables, and talks for women in order to promote constructive debate on issues of discrimination, gender equity, and respect for sexual diversity, as well as theater productions and radio programs that illustrate the problem experienced by women who suffer discrimination because of their sexual orientation.

Aireana is a member of the LGBTTTI Coalition of Paraguay, an umbrella group of seven civil society organizations working to promote diversity and non-discrimination, among them: Grupo de Acción Gay Lésbico (GAGLT), Ñepyrú de Coronel Oviedo, Panambí, Paragay, La Comuna de Ema Chana y Todas las Demás, and Las Ramonas, Organización de Feministas Jóvenes.

Aireana has financed its projects and activities through contributions received from the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS), UN Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women, United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM), Astraea, Southern Women's Fund, Juan de Salazar Cultural Center of Spain, and the "Diakonia" Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency, as well as through ticket sales made during theatrical productions and other activities of the organization.

Aireana submitted its application to the OAS on August 30, 2010.

2. Name, address, and date of establishment

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Date established: August 24, 2005

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

Aireana, Grupo por los Derechos de las Lesbianas works to promote programs for tolerance in the area of sexual orientation and gender identity, and in helping them to be properly incorporated into society. Primary areas of activity and contributions of the organization that could be of interest to the OAS include the following:

- Promoting human rights and the eradication of all forms of discrimination and intolerance based on gender and sexual orientation, by holding round tables, conferences, cultural activities, and information campaigns to raise public awareness about sexual diversity and gender expression; and
- Strengthening partnerships among sexual diversity, human rights, and social justice advocacy organizations and movements through exchange programs, video discussions, and by conducting national and regional meetings.

4. Identification of potential areas of collaboration with the OAS

Aireana, Grupo por los Derechos de las Lesbianas proposes to collaborate with the OAS in the following areas:

- Presenting proposals and recommendations to the Working Group to Prepare a Draft Inter-American Convention against Racism and All Forms of Discrimination and Intolerance of the OAS Permanent Council's Committee on Juridical and Political Affairs (CAJP);

- Providing the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) and the Permanent Council with information on the human rights situation related to sexual orientation and gender identity in the region through the Committee on Juridical and Political Affairs (CAJP), pursuant to the mandates of resolution AG/RES. 2600 (XL-O/10), “Human Rights, Sexual Orientation, and Gender Identity”; and
- Collaborating with the Inter-American Commission of Women (CIM) in advancing their efforts to promote gender equity in public policies and eliminate all forms of discrimination against women, and help in monitoring implementation of the Inter-American Convention for the Prevention, Punishment, and Eradication of Violence against Women, “Convention of Belém do Pará.”

5. Documents submitted by the CSO to the OAS

- Letter to the OAS Secretary General, dated August 30, 2010
- Articles of Incorporation
- Statutes
- Institutional mission statement
- Annual report, 2009
- Financial Statements for 2008 and 2009 (audited by Mr. Isis Geraldo de Rojas)