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

*[Asociación Kuña Roga]*

ANALYSIS OF THE ELEMENTS FOR REGISTRATION BY THE  
*ASOCIACIÓN KUÑA ROGA [KUÑA ROGA ASSOCIATION]*  
TO PARTICIPATE IN OAS ACTIVITIES

This document has been 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 *Asociación Kuña Roga*.

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 the *Asociación Kuña Roga* in accordance with the aforementioned Guidelines.

**1. Background**

The *Asociación Kuña Roga* is a non-profit feminist organization established on October 7, 1998 in Encarnación, Paraguay, for the purpose of empowering women and young people at a local and national level to strengthen participatory democracy and to promote a more inclusive and egalitarian society.

The work of the *Asociación Kuña Roga* focuses on promoting women’s rights to guarantee their role as citizens and leaders in social transformation and construction of public policy, through training programs, workshops, media projects, and social mobilization.

The *Asociación Kuña Roga* belongs to national networks that work in the area of HIV and AIDS, and to the Itapúa Association for Cultural and Media Development; on an international level, it is part of the World Association of Community Broadcasters (AMARC).

The *Asociación Kuña Roga* finances its activities with funds from international aid agencies, such as the United Nations Population Fund (UNPF), UN Women, the Spanish Equality Institute (FEMUR), the Spanish Agency for International Cooperation and Development (AECID), and the United Nations Organization for Education, Science, and Culture, (UNESCO), among others.

The *Asociación Kuña Roga* submitted its application for registration with the OAS on November 1, 2013.

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

Name of the organization:	Asociación Kuña Roga
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President: María Teresa Ocampos

Date of establishment: October 7, 1998

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

The *Asociación Kuña Roga* works to ensure respect for women's rights through education on human rights, strengthening of mechanisms for citizen participation, democratization of information, and community training. The primary areas of activity and possible contributions by our organization of interest to the OAS include the following:

- Promoting human rights and women's rights, and strengthening women's political participation by organizing territorial and national meetings of leaders and, courses on gender-based public policy, as well as agreements with government sectors;
- Democratizing communication and information by means of radio production, media monitoring, training courses on nonsexist, gender-based communication, and creation of a community radio;
- Community development, through micro-business projects and education, by training in small farm management, self-esteem workshops, and human rights;
- Disseminating information on sexual and reproductive rights through sex education courses and talks on HIV/AIDS prevention.

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

*Asociación Kuña Roga* proposes to work with the OAS in the following areas:

- Support for the Follow-Up Mechanism to the Belém do Pará Convention (MESECVI), by disseminating the gains and challenges in the area of violence against women;
- Providing and disseminating information on the Community of Practices on HIV and violence against women (CoP) of the Inter-American Commission of Women (CIM);
- Promoting the principles of the Inter-American Democratic Charter, and especially those related to the right to democracy, citizen participation, elimination of gender discrimination, and promotion of the full and equal participation of women in policy-making;

- Helping the Inter-American Commission of Women (CIM) in its work to promote the participation and leadership of women in planning and implementing public policies and programs;
- Working together with the Rapporteurship on Women's Rights of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) on promoting events and reports by the Rapporteur, with a view to ensuring the equality and nondiscrimination of women;
- Participating in hemispheric debates and OAS activities with civil society and sending recommendations to OAS member states, as inputs for events, such as the OAS General Assembly, meetings of the Permanent Council and its committees, and CIM meetings, among others.

**5. Documents presented to the OAS**

- Letter addressed to the OAS Secretary General on November 1, 2013
- Charter and Statutes
- Most recent annual report (2014)
- Institutional mission statement
- Financial statements (2014)
- Financing sources (2014)