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APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN OAS ACTIVITIES PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 6
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IN OAS ACTIVITIES [CP/RES. 759 (1217/99)]

[Centro de Estudios Ambientales y Sociales (CEAMSO)]

ANALYSIS OF FACTORS RELATING TO THE APPLICATION BY *CENTRO DE ESTUDIOS AMBIENTALES Y SOCIALES* 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 *Centro de Estudios Ambientales y Sociales (CEAMSO)*.

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 list of documentation presented by *Centro de Estudios Ambientales y Sociales (CEAMSO)* in accordance with the aforementioned Guidelines.

1. **Background**

Centro de Estudios Ambientales y Sociales (CEAMSO) is a civil society organization founded in Asunción, Paraguay on August 14, 1998. Its mission is to contribute to integral development in communities in order to be an agent for change in favor of sustainable development and social equity in Paraguay.

The objective of *CEAMSO* is to contribute alternative solutions for strengthening environmental stewardship and conservation in Paraguay through the preparation of technical studies, environmental advisory and consultancy services, implementation of basic infrastructure and ecotourism projects, development of programs for improving the quality of services, monitoring sustainable management of natural resources, and promotion of educational programs and environmental legislation.

CEAMSO has financed its activities and projects with contributions from the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), German Technical Cooperation Agency (GTZ), Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), and Social Investment Fund (FIS) of the Secretariat for Social Action of Paraguay, among other sources.

CEAMSO submitted its application on December 11, 2007.

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

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Executive Director: María Ofelia Yegros

Date established: August 14, 1998

3. Primary areas of activity of the CSO and their relationship to OAS activities

CEAMSO's mission is to address the issue of environmental stewardship and conservation in Paraguay. *CEAMSO's* areas of work and contributions that have a bearing on OAS activities include:

- Contribution to strengthening the capacity of municipal government, the private sector, and civil society for ensuring sustainable development in their communities through strategic planning initiatives, training programs, and publications on conservation and environmental stewardship matters;
- Improvement of living conditions through design and execution of urban infrastructure projects, urban and industrial solid waste management, ecotourism projects, and engineering and construction of environmental facilities;
- Implementation of public policy monitoring and programs to improve sustainable management of natural resources through the preparation of studies and creation of dialogue forums among municipal officials and members of the public, in order to enhance transparency and civil society oversight of public administration, with particular attention to participation for women; and
- Implementation of educational programs to raise awareness among women about sexual and reproductive health and different forms of physical, psychological, and sexual violence, in order to educate them about protection mechanisms against domestic violence.

4. Identification of the OAS work areas in which the CSO proposes to support ongoing activities or to make recommendations on the best way to achieve OAS objectives

CEAMSO would like to work with the OAS in the following areas:

- Collaboration with the Department of Sustainable Development (DSD) of the Executive Secretariat for Integral Development (SEDI) in order to support OAS member states in formulating and implementing cooperation policies, programs, and projects aimed at integrating environmental priorities with poverty alleviation and attainment of social and economic development goals;
- Participation in Inter-American Meetings of Ministers and High-Level Authorities on Sustainable Development and formulation of recommendations on implementation of

the Declaration of Santa Cruz + 10 and the Inter-American Program on Sustainable Development (PIDS);

- Support for the initiatives of the Department of State Modernization and Good Governance (DMEG) of the Secretariat for Political Affairs (SPA) to generate public administration performance evaluation mechanisms and provide advisory services to ensure greater efficiency and transparency in the public administration;
- Collaborate with the Inter-American Commission of Women (CIM) in promoting full and equal participation for women in the civil, economic, social, cultural, and political spheres; and
- Raise awareness about the work of the Rapporteurship on the Rights of Women of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) in order to increase knowledge of the guarantees and mechanisms provided by the inter-American human rights system to protect women's rights and promote gender equality.

5. Documents submitted by the CSO to the OAS

- Letter to the OAS Secretary General, December 11, 2007
- Articles of incorporation
- Statute
- Institutional mission statement
- Annual report 2010
- Financial statements 2009 (audited by José Luis Aquino, Accountant)