

PERMANENT COUNCIL OF THE
ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES
COMMITTEE ON INTER-AMERICAN SUMMITS MANAGEMENT
AND CIVIL SOCIETY PARTICIPATION
IN OAS ACTIVITIES

OEA/Ser.G
CP/CISC-782/15
19 October 2015
Original: Spanish

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

[Grupo Tradicional San Baltazar de Kamba Cua]

ANALYSIS OF THE REQUEST BY *GRUPO TRADICIONAL SAN BALTAZAR DE KAMBA CUA*
[SAN BALTAZAR DE KAMBA CUA TRADITIONAL GROUP]
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 (CSO) *Grupo Tradicional San Baltazar de Kamba Cua*.

The information contained in this report is provided pursuant 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 *Grupo Tradicional San Baltazar de Kamba Cua* in accordance with the aforementioned resolution.

1. Background

Grupo Tradicional San Baltazar de Kamba Cua is a nongovernmental and nonprofit organization founded on June 15, 2012, in Asuncion, Paraguay, to transmit, disseminate, and consolidate Afrodescendant culture as a means of promoting the human rights of that group.

Grupo Tradicional San Baltazar de Kamba Cua aims to raise the visibility of the Afrodescendant population in society by working in the areas of social and cultural, economic, and educational development, women and gender, and human rights.

Grupo Tradicional San Baltazar de Kamba Cua disseminates traditional Afrodescendant cultural heritage by participating in cultural exhibitions, events, fairs, and festivals, and in community training programs and projects, promoting artistic and cultural exchange at the national and international levels.

Grupo Tradicional San Baltazar de Kamba Cua collaborates with community and social development projects, such as training workshops for the Kamba Cua community, in the framework of the Neighborhood Improvement Project. It has also imparted training courses in the areas of strengthening community organization, personal development, and social development.

Grupo Tradicional San Baltazar de Kamba Cua now has an adult troop of approximately 40 dancers, drummers, and artisan drum makers, and a 44-member child and youth group.

Grupo Tradicional San Baltazar de Kamba Cua executes its projects with resources from the Inter-American Development Bank, the Office of the Governor of Central Department, the Itaipú Binational Entity, and Fernando de Mora municipality, among others. It also organizes community fund-raising activities.

Grupo Tradicional San Baltazar de Kamba Cua submitted its request for registration with the OAS on June 9, 2014.

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

Name: *Grupo Tradicional San Baltazar de Kamba Cua*

Address: Cruzada de la Amistad c/ Ycua Mandiyu
Barrio Lomas Campamento – Kamba Cua
Fernando de la Mora Norte - Paraguay

Telephone numbers: (+595) 982 665 007
(+595) 981 900 584

Email addresses: gruposanbaltazar@hotmail.com / lufadiaz76@hotmail.com

Director: Adolfo Valentín Bogarín

Date established: June 15, 2012

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

Grupo Tradicional San Baltazar de Kamba Cua works in the areas of culture, education, racism, Afrodescendants, and human rights. The main work areas and contributions of the organization that could be of interest to the OAS include:

- Creating opportunities for strengthening and consolidating Afrodescendant culture by organizing traditional festivals and events, working with children, youth, adults, and older persons of the Afrodescendant community;
- Advocating for official recognition of Afrodescendants in Paraguay through cultural exhibitions and workshops aimed at creating opportunities for exchange between and cultural dissemination from the Afrodescendant population to society, at the national and international levels; and
- Working for the Kamba Cua community in executing community development and community strengthening projects, in collaboration with the neighborhood committees.

4. Identification of potential areas of collaboration with the OAS

Grupo Tradicional San Baltazar considers that its activities may be useful for the work performed by the various areas and units of the OAS. Thus, it could lend support to their work by:

- Supporting the promotion of cultural diversity in the Americas by organizing workshops and events related to the mandates of the Summits of the Americas in the cultural diversity area: Declaration of Commitment of Port of Spain (2009);

Declaration of Mar del Plata (2005); and Declaration of Nuevo León (2004), among others;

- Contributing to the work of the Special Rapporteurship on the Rights of Persons of African Descent and against Racial Discrimination of the IACHR in connection with resolution AG/RES. 2824 (XLIV-O/14), “Recognition of the International Decade for People of African Descent,” and resolution AG/RES. 2847 (XLIV-O/14), “Recognition and Promotion of the Rights of People of African Descent in the Americas”;
- Supporting the work of the Inter-American Commission of Women (CIM), especially for the empowerment and success of Afrodescendant women in their traditional societal role, in implementation of resolution AG/RES. 2831 (XLIV-O/14), “Promotion of Women’s Human Rights and Gender Equity and Equality and Strengthening of the Inter-American Commission of Women”;
- Working with the Department of International Law to disseminate the Inter-American Convention against Racism, Racial Discrimination, and Related Forms of Intolerance; and
- Participating in hemispheric debates in this area that are open to civil society and forwarding recommendations to the OAS member states as input for events such as OAS General Assembly sessions, Permanent Council meetings, and IACHR periods of sessions, among others.

5. Documents submitted by the CSO to the OAS

- Letter addressed to the OAS Secretary General, dated June 9, 2014
- Articles of incorporation
- Bylaws
- Board of Directors
- Activity report for 2013
- Mission statement
- Tax registry number