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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)]

[Asociación Civil Gurises Unidos]

ANALYSIS OF THE REQUEST BY *ASOCIACIÓN CIVIL GURISES UNIDOS* TO BE REGISTERED WITH THE OAS

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) *Asociación Civil Gurises Unidos* (Kids United Non-Profit Association).

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 *Asociación Civil Gurises Unidos* in accordance with the aforementioned Guidelines.

1. Background

Asociación Civil Gurises Unidos is a non-profit nongovernmental organization founded on October 19, 1992, in Montevideo, Uruguay, with a mission to strengthen democratic processes to facilitate comprehensive development for children and adolescents as part of human rights defense and promotion.

Asociación Civil Gurises Unidos seeks to help create and execute comprehensive regional and national programs and initiatives to address the vulnerability faced by children and adolescents, especially those on the streets.

Asociación Civil Gurises Unidos provides input for designing public policies on children’s issues through training for technical staff and trainers in the social, educational, and health care arenas.

Asociación Civil Gurises Unidos takes a comprehensive approach to working with children and young people and their families as well as with the community, to empower them to fully exercise their rights, through educational, recreational, and sport activities, as well as workshops, courses, and seminars.

Asociación Civil Gurises Unidos carries out its projects with funding from national and international organizations, among them the Center for Data and Studies of Uruguay (*Centro de Informaciones y Estudios del Uruguay* - CIESU), Ministry of Education and Culture, Uruguay Institute for Economic and Social Development (*Instituto de Promoción Económico-Social del Uruguay* -IPRU), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), British Embassy in Uruguay, Embassy of the United States, European Union, and Save the Children.

Asociación Civil Gurises Unidos submitted its application to the OAS on August 21, 2015.

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

Name of Organization: *Asociación Civil Gurises Unidos*

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President: Elcira Berruti

Executive Director: Gonzalo Salles

Date established: October 19, 1992

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

Asociación Civil Gurises Unidos works in the areas of human rights, justice, and gender equality. The organization's primary areas of activity and contributions that might be of interest to the OAS include:

- Research at the national and regional levels on conditions which threaten the rights of children, so as to generate information that will help to defend and promote these rights.
- Influencing public policy on issues related to children's rights while contributing to the design of policies for children.
- Organizing best practices of states and civil society organizations that promote and protect the rights of children and young people at the national and regional levels.
- Establishing partnerships with national and international NGOs, public institutions, and research centers through reporting, provision of training, and promotion of social justice and human rights.

4. Identification of potential areas of collaboration with the OAS

Asociación Civil Gurises Unidos would like to work with the OAS in the following areas:

- Supporting Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) efforts to promote and defend the rights of children by preparing situation reports and promotional campaigns.

- Contributing to the work of the Inter-American Children's Institute (IIN) in promoting, designing, and crafting public policies to improve living conditions for children.
- Collaborating with the Inter-American Committee on Education to implement the Inter-American Education Agenda, adopted at the VIII Inter-American Meeting of Ministers of Education.
- Participating in hemispheric debates open to civil society on this issue and providing OAS member states with recommendations that could serve as input for events such as the General Assembly of the OAS, meetings of the Permanent Council, and sessions of the IACHR, among others.

5. Documents submitted by the CSO to the OAS

- Letter to the OAS Secretary General, dated August 21, 2015
- Mission statement
- Funding sources 2014
- Certificate of Incorporation
- Statutes
- Activities Report 2014