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[Asociación Cristiana Uruguaya de Profesionales de la Salud (ACUPS)]

ANALYSIS OF ELEMENTS FOR REGISTRATION BY *ASOCIACIÓN CRISTIANA URUGUAYA DE PROFESIONALES DE LA SALUD (ACUPS)* TO PARTICIPATE IN OAS ACTIVITIES

This document was prepared by the Relations with Civil Society Section of the Secretariat for Access to Rights and Equity to provide information to the member states of the Organization of American States (OAS) on the civil society organization *Asociación Cristiana Uruguaya de Profesionales de la Salud* [Uruguayan Christian Health Professionals Association (ACUPS)].

The information contained in this report is provided 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 a list of documentation submitted by *Asociación Cristiana Uruguaya de Profesionales de la Salud* in accordance with the aforementioned Guidelines.

1. **Background**

Asociación Cristiana Uruguaya de Profesionales de la Salud (ACUPS) is a non-profit organization established in Montevideo, Uruguay on April 29, 1998, to serve the community in the field of health, through health care, workshops, and conferences, dissemination of health-related information via the media, and providing forums for discussion and exchange on issues related to the connection between Christian ethics and the professional practice of its members.

ACUPS provides the community with healthcare services through its two offices in Montevideo and its outlets in various locations around Uruguay, with the support of health professionals and students in health-related fields, who deliver the Christian message.

The Association offers support in the following areas:

- Professional services: through medical, psychological, and dental care, thanks to a mobile service across the country; delivering lectures and workshops on comprehensive healthcare issues to the community; disseminating information via the media, on topics related to comprehensive health;
- Reflection and encouragement with the Christian message, via the exchange of opinions, information, and experiences on issues linking Christian ethics with the professional practice of its members and to their help for society;
- Student support: encouraging the engagement of students in health-related professions to accomplish their goals.

ACUPS finances its activities with proceeds from its clinics, book sales, membership contributions, and private donations.

ACUPS applied for registration with the OAS on September 2, 2016.

2. Name, address, and date of establishment

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

Asociación Cristiana Uruguaya de Profesionales de la Salud provides the community with health care services and provides forums for discussion and exchange on issues linking Christian ethics to the professional practice of its members. The primary areas of activity and contributions by *ACUPS* that could be of interest to the OAS include:

- Promoting health through the publication of books, media publicity, and organizing regional seminars on the subject;
- Organizing conferences and workshops in different cities across Uruguay as well as abroad, on issues such as family, sexuality, adolescence, and health promotion;
- Providing solutions to problems identified in local communities with a view to bringing about integral development for those communities, through medical, psychological, and dental care;
- Supporting the participation of civil society groups in the OAS General Assembly, Summits of the Americas, and other OAS-organized forums.

4. Identification of potential areas of collaboration with the OAS

ACUPS would like to support the OAS in the following areas:

- Collaborating with the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) to raise awareness about the American Convention on Human Rights and the Additional Protocol to the American Convention on Human Rights in the Area of

Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (Protocol of San Salvador), through training workshops in local communities;

- Collaboration with the OAS Department of Human Development and Education by promoting and raising awareness about its programs focused on education and human and social development.
- Participating in the hemispheric debates and activities of the OAS with civil society and remitting recommendations to OAS member states that could serve as inputs for events such as the OAS General Assembly, meetings of the Permanent Council and its committees, IACHR sessions, and so on.

5. Documents submitted by the CSO to the OAS

- Letter to the OAS Secretary General, dated September 2, 2016
- Charter and Bylaws
- Mission and Institutional Vision Statement
- 2015-2016 Activities Report
- 2015 and 2016 Financial Statements