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OF THE GUIDELINES FOR PARTICIPATION BY CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS  
IN OAS ACTIVITIES [CP/RES. 759 (1217/99)]

*[Centro de Comunicación Virginia Woolf (Cotidiano Mujer)]*

## ANALYSIS OF FACTORS RELATING TO THE APPLICATION BY *CENTRO DE COMUNICACIÓN VIRGINIA WOOLF (COTIDIANO MUJER)* 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 Comunicación Virginia Woolf (Cotidiano Mujer)*.

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," and includes a summary and a list of data and documentation presented by *Centro de Comunicación Virginia Woolf (Cotidiano Mujer)* in accordance with the aforementioned Guidelines.

### **1. Background**

*Centro de Comunicación Virginia Woolf (Cotidiano Mujer)* is a non-profit organization founded on April 30, 1988 in Montevideo, Uruguay, to promote mainstreaming of a gender perspective in political, social, and cultural settings and protection of women's human rights, and to contribute to a strengthening of democracy.

The fields in which *Cotidiano Mujer* works include: (1) Strengthening the women's movement at the national and regional levels; (2) Enhancing political and theoretical communication tools for fighting cultural patterns of discrimination; (3) Training and counseling women's groups and organizations; (4) Supporting democratization of the media; and (5) Running awareness campaigns to promote women's human rights.

*Cotidiano Mujer* organizes workshops and briefing sessions on the rights of female domestic workers, women migrants, domestic violence, and sexual and reproductive rights, with a view to promoting women's political and cultural agenda. Its publications address such issues as democracy and elections, domestic violence, citizen participation, social inclusion, employment, and evaluation of the media from a gender perspective. The organization has also been publishing the "Cotidiano Mujer" magazine three times a year since 1997. It is distributed to more than 600 women's groups and organizations in Uruguay and the rest of Latin America. Since 1998, *Cotidiano Mujer* has broadcast a daily radio program called "Nunca en Domingo," which serves as a forum for all kinds of political, social and cultural activities by citizens and civil society organizations.

Since 2000, *Cotidiano Mujer* has been facilitating collaboration and integration among feminist networks and organizations in its capacity as the Executive Secretariat of Articulación Feminista Marcosur (AFM), a network of 12 civil society organizations working on gender issues in Argentina, Brazil, Bolivia, Colombia, Paraguay, Peru and Uruguay.

As part of its Program to Strengthen the Position of Female Domestic Workers in MERCOSUR, *Cotidiano Mujer* has carried out and participated in several workshops and conferences of domestic workers' trade unions designed to promote decent work and wages in that

sector. Together with Oxfam, Great Britain and the European Union, it is executing the "*Abriendo Mundos*" project to promote the rights of women migrants.

*Cotidiano Mujer* took part in the Public Hearing of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights of October 28, 2010, providing women's perspectives and information regarding domestic violence in Uruguay.

*Cotidiano Mujer* has financed its activities through contributions or projects funded by the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM), *Mujeres Migrantes*, and Oxfam International.

*Cotidiano Mujer* submitted its application to the OAS on April 25, 2011.

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

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President: Flor de María Meza

Date established: April 30, 1988

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

*Cotidiano Mujer* promotes human rights and women's participation in political, economic, and social affairs. Primary areas of activity and contributions that could be of interest to the OAS:

- Promoting women's human rights through briefing campaigns and media spots to heighten the public's awareness of situations in which women are discriminated against or treated unequally; and
- Strengthening the influence of civil society in the formulation and implementation of public policies relating to gender equity and the rights of female domestic workers, by engaging in joint initiatives with Articulación Feminista Marcosur (AFM) and partnerships with female domestic workers' trade unions in order to promote remuneration standards and decent work within the MERCOSUR countries.

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

*Cotidiano Mujer* proposes to collaborate with the OAS in the following areas:

- Contributing to the work of the Inter-American Commission of Women (CIM) to promote full and equal participation of women in civil, economic, social, cultural, and political life;
- Supporting the work of the Rapporteurship on the Rights of Women of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR); and
- Helping with projects of the Department of Social Development and Employment (DSDE) of the Executive Secretariat for Integral Development (SEDI) aimed at promoting decent working conditions and employment generation.

**5. Documents submitted by the CSO to the OAS**

- Letter to the OAS Secretary General, dated April 25, 2011
- Articles of Incorporation
- Statutes
- Institutional mission statement
- Activities report for 2010
- Financial statements for 2010 (audited by Javier A. Riera, Public Accountant)