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APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN OAS ACTIVITIES  
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SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS IN OAS ACTIVITIES [CP/RES. 759 (1217/99)]

*[Sociedad Uruguaya para el Progreso de la Ciencia y la Tecnología (SUPCYT)]*

ANALYSIS OF THE ELEMENTS RELATED TO THE APPLICATION BY  
*SOCIEDAD URUGUAYA PARA EL PROGRESO DE LA CIENCIA Y LA TECNOLOGÍA (SUPCYT)*  
TO PARTICIPATE IN OAS ACTIVITIES

This document was prepared by the Summits of the Americas Secretariat to provide Member States of the Organization of American States (OAS) with information on the civil society organization (CSO) *Sociedad Uruguaya para el Progreso de la Ciencia y la Tecnología (SUPCYT)*.

The information contained in this report responds to resolution CP/RES. 759 (1217/99), "Guidelines for the Participation of Civil Society Organizations in OAS Activities." This document contains a summary and a list of supporting documentation presented by *SUPCYT* in accordance with the aforementioned Guidelines.

1. Background

*SUPCYT* is a non-profit association, founded on September 26, 2005 in Montevideo, Uruguay, with the objective to promote the study and application of science and technology. *SUPCYT* collaborates with the Uruguayan government and civil society in efforts to improve quality of life through innovative applications of science and technology.

In organizing conferences and seminars, promoting science and technology in education, and supporting the application of new technologies, *SUPCYT* works to integrate the fields of science and technology more deeply into the lives of Uruguayans. *SUPCYT* has worked with the government of Montevideo, scientific institutions in Uruguay, United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), *Organización Sionista del Uruguay*, and the magazine *Revista Uruguay Con Ciencia* to disseminate information to the public via public expositions and print media.

By establishing a dialogue within the fields of science and technology, *SUPCYT* seeks to strengthen networks, provide support for professional development, and create a platform to debate social issues related to science and technology such as ethics, environmental protection, and social responsibility.

*SUPCYT* receives its funding through the membership fees collected from professionals in science and technology fields interested in the progress of science and technology at the national level. The organization has a structure that includes a general assembly and associates.

*SUPCYT* submitted its application on April 19, 2006.

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

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Date established: September 26, 2005

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

The main objective of *SUPCYT* is to support research, education, and dialogue in order to promote the advancement of science and technology. Its activities are related to those of the OAS in the following areas:

- Encourage the diffusion of scientific and technological knowledge;
- Organize regional dialogue regarding science and technology;
- Advocate for the promotion of science and technology in education; and
- Facilitate new applications of technology in society.

4. CSO contributions that could be of interest to the OAS

*SUPCYT* achieves its objectives through support for activities such as seminars and conferences within the scientific community, and educational camps and exhibitions promoting science and technology to the public. In this regard, the following activities that this organization carries out may be of interest to the OAS:

- Promote increased access to scientific and technological resources;
- Plan and participate in roundtables, seminars, and conferences covering themes pertaining to science and technology;
- Encourage youth activities that create strong educational foundations in science and technology; and
- Organize and contribute to scientific information sources such as information networks and databases, journal articles, and public exhibitions.

5. 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

*SUPCYT* would like to assist the OAS in the areas of the promotion of science and technology, the development of educational strategies, and the further integration of science and technology into communities. In particular, it can assist the organs, agencies, and entities of the Organization in the following ways:

- Provide support for the initiatives carried out by the Inter-American Committee on Education and its Technical Secretariat comprised of the Department of Education, Culture, Science and Technology, and the Department of Follow-up, Policies, and Programs of the Executive Secretariat for Integral Development;
- Support educational programs that fulfill the mission of the Inter-American Committee on Science and Technology (COMCYT) to “develop, foster, and support activities that contribute to the advancement of science and technology in the member States and to promote their economic, social, cultural, scientific, and technological integral development;”
- Disseminate information to civil society regarding OAS meetings and mandates related to science, technology, and education, in particular, the Declaration of Santo Domingo: Good Governance and Development in the Knowledge-Based Society of the XXXVI Regular Session of the General Assembly; and
- Support the implementation of the Declaration of Mar del Plata, particularly those mandates that highlight the importance of education as a means to fight poverty, build a marketable labor force, and create a strong foundation in science and technology.

6. Documents submitted by the CSO to the OAS

- Letter addressed to the Secretary General dated April 19, 2006
- Constitution
- Statutes
- Annual report for 2005-2006
- Financial statement for 2005-2006