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

*[Alianza Joven ONG]*

## ANALYSIS OF FACTORS RELATING TO THE APPLICATION BY *ALIANZA JOVEN ONG* 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 *ALIANZA JOVEN ONG*.

The information contained herein is in response 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 *ALIANZA JOVEN ONG* in accordance with the aforementioned Guidelines.

### 1. **Background**

*Alianza Joven ONG* is a nongovernmental nonprofit organization founded on December 7, 2007, in Guatemala City, Guatemala, in order to promote democratic values in young people, prevent violence and juvenile crime, and provide opportunities for the reintegration into society of young former gang members.

*Alianza Joven ONG* has two specific lines of work. One involves protecting the rights of youth working on programs aimed at preventing youth violence by creating, in at risk areas, opportunities for young people to learn, socialize, take part in recreational and other activities. The other line of work protects the rights of young people by running training and reintegration programs for former members of gangs or youth formerly caught up in cases of juvenile crime.

*Alianza Joven ONG* finances its activities with contributions and programs funded by the Swiss Embassy in Guatemala, the Rotary Club, Denmark's Ibis in Guatemala, the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), the Municipality of Guatemala, and the Municipality of Villa Nueva.

*Alianza Joven ONG* submitted its application to the OAS on October 5, 2009..

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

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Date established: December 7, 2007

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

*Alianza Joven ONG* seeks to reduce the levels of juvenile crime through prevention, reintegration into the labor market, and social programs, as well as in other areas germane to OAS activities, such as:

- Prevention programs in high-risk areas to help young people develop skills and civic and democratic values. Under those programs, youths can play, socialize or learn a trade or skill that will allow them to have access to the labor market and broaden their opportunities in life, thereby steering them away from gangs or other criminal groups.
- Programs for reintegrating and training young former gang members or youths involved with juvenile crime, by offering them an opportunity to get a job; and
- Defense of the rights and duties of young people, fostering in them such qualities as leadership and social responsibility, especially in areas identified as being “high-risk,” where youth may get caught up in criminal activities.

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

*Alianza Joven ONG* conducts the following activities in relation to its work on preventing juvenile violence and reintegrating young gang members into society that may contribute to the work of the OAS:

- Psychological care for youths participating in the reintegration program, aimed at helping them through the process and ensuring that their reintegration into society is a success;
- Facilitation of job offers for youths who were formerly members of gangs via the “Challenge 200” (*Desafío 200*) Program, which acts as an intermediary between businesses and the youths taking part in the program;
- Dissemination of documents on the human rights of young people, with a view to promoting their economic, social, and cultural development; and
- Promotion of art, culture, studying, sports, and other activities through Outreach Centers offering youths alternatives to crime and gang membership.

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**

*Alianza Joven ONG considers that it can contribute to OAS efforts by:*

- Upholding and promoting the principles of the Inter-American Democratic Charter;
- Cooperating with the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) by disseminating the American Convention on Human Rights;
- Working with the Department of Public Security of the Secretariat for Multidimensional Security, specifically in connection with gangs and providing information on experiences with the prevention of juvenile violence and the reintegration into society of young former gang members;
- Fostering social development programs for vulnerable populations in collaboration with the Department of Human Development, Education, and Culture of the Executive Secretariat for Integral Development (SEDI); and
- Working with the Inter-American Committee on Social Development (CIDES) under job opportunity development programs for persons discriminated against because of their social circumstances, in this case youths caught up in cases of juvenile delinquency.

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

- Letter to the OAS Secretary General, dated October 5, 2009
- Articles of incorporation
- Statute
- Institutional mission statement
- Annual report for 2008
- Financial statements for 2008