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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 para la Eliminación de la Explotación Sexual, Pornografía, Turismo y Tráfico Sexual de
Niñas, Niños y Adolescentes en Guatemala (ECPAT/Guatemala)]*

ANALYSIS OF THE APPLICATION BY *ASOCIACIÓN PARA LA ELIMINACIÓN DE LA
EXPLOTACIÓN SEXUAL, PORNOGRAFÍA, TURISMO Y TRÁFICO SEXUAL DE NIÑAS, NIÑOS Y
ADOLESCENTES EN GUATEMALA (ECPAT/GUATEMALA)*
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 *Asociación para la Eliminación de la Explotación Sexual, Pornografía, Turismo y Tráfico Sexual de Niñas, Niños y Adolescentes en Guatemala* [Association for the Elimination of Sexual Exploitation, Pornography, Sex Tourism and Trafficking in Children and Adolescents in Guatemala (ECPAT/Guatemala)].

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," and includes a summary and a list of documentation presented by *Asociación para la Eliminación de la Explotación Sexual, Pornografía, Turismo y Tráfico Sexual de Niñas, Niños y Adolescentes en Guatemala (ECPAT/Guatemala)* in accordance with the aforementioned Guidelines.

1. Background

Asociación para la Eliminación de la Explotación Sexual, Pornografía, Turismo y Tráfico Sexual de Niñas, Niños y Adolescentes en Guatemala (ECPAT/Guatemala) is a nongovernmental organization founded on January 29, 2001 in Guatemala City, Guatemala, to broaden and deepen awareness about the characteristics, causes, and consequences of different forms of violence, human trafficking, and sexual exploitation of children, adolescents, and women.

ECPAT/Guatemala operates within the legal framework of the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights and focuses on four areas of activity: research, advocacy and lobbying, youth participation, and national and regional coordination.

In the area of research, *ECPAT/Guatemala* collaborated with the Latin American and the Caribbean Rule of Law Initiative to identify and analyze successful programs of access to justice for children in countries like Mexico, Honduras, Peru, Uruguay, and Argentina, seeking to replicate in other countries of the region. In terms of cooperation, together with Action on Armed Violence (AOAV), it discussed steps taken by the Guatemalan state to measure, monitor, and study the phenomenon of armed violence affecting the region, seeking as well to reduce its incidence and assist victims.

With respect to its advocacy and lobbying activities, *ECPAT/Guatemala* participated in the OAS' Third Meeting of National Authorities on Trafficking in Persons, held in Guatemala in 2012. It has collaborated with the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) to create a framework for regional action to combat, prevent, and care for human trafficking victims in Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua. It also prepared several publications, among them a "Teaching Guide for Information and Awareness on Sexual Exploitation of Children and Adolescents in Guatemala" and "Re-victimization: What it is and how to prevent it." At the request of the Central American Integration System's (SICA) Directorate of Tourism, it also conducted a course on Tourist

Safety and Responsible Tourism: Preventing Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children and Adolescents in the Travel and Tourism Sector.

ECPAT/Guatemala also has a Youth Participation Program (YPP) on "Peer-to-Peer Support," which seeks to empower adolescents and young people and build their capacity to fight sexual exploitation and human trafficking. As part of that program, more than 110 workshops have been conducted to sensitize the educational community on sexual exploitation and human trafficking. Through its "Stop Sexual Exploitation of Children and Adolescents" campaign, a petition signed by 1,569 young people was delivered to the Congress for it to take urgent steps against human trafficking for sexual purposes. Together with the Guatemala Attorney General's Office for Human Rights and Save the Children Guatemala, it also drew up the rules for the "What is human trafficking about?" contest.

In terms of national and regional coordination, *ECPAT/Guatemala* collaborates with other civil society organizations engaged in strengthening their institutional capacity to tackle human trafficking in Guatemala and in monitoring progress by government entities at the national and international level in applying laws against violence, sexual exploitation, and human trafficking. It has also developed awareness programs aimed at issues, for tourist institutions and police authorities in such countries as Belize, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, and the Dominican Republic.

ECPAT/Guatemala is a member of and participates in other national and regional networks engaged in combating human trafficking. At the national level, it works with the Inter-Institutional Commission against Human Trafficking (CIT), Institutional Coordinator for Promotion of Children's Rights (CIPRODENI), and the Network against Human Trafficking in Guatemala. At the regional level, it is a member of the Global Alliance Against Traffic in Women (GAATW), the Latin American and Caribbean Network Against Trafficking in Persons, and the Latin American Network against Human Trafficking.

ECPAT/Guatemala carries out its activities through projects financed by the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), International Organization for Migration (IOM), Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), ECPAT International, Landmine Action, *Promundo*, and Access to Justice.

ECPAT/Guatemala applied for registration with the OAS on September 17, 2012.

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

ECPAT/Guatemala works to eradicate all gender-based violence, human trafficking for sexual purposes, and armed violence in a format where the fundamental rights of those most affected by the problem, such as children and adolescents, are given priority. The main areas of activity and contributions of the CSO that may be of interest to the OAS include:

- Dissemination and awareness on the problem of human trafficking among government entities, educators, adolescents, and young people by conducting training and preparing publications on this subject matter;
- Influencing public policies through coordination in national and regional networks and monitoring implementation of laws related to human trafficking and sexual violence; and
- Promoting the participation of children and adolescents in the decision-making process by conducting information campaigns to raise awareness and build their capacity to combat sexual exploitation and human trafficking.

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

ECPAT/Guatemala proposes to collaborate with the OAS in the following areas:

- Providing the Permanent Council's Committee on Hemispheric Security (CSH) with information on the human trafficking situation in Central America and recommendations to address it, at Meetings of Ministers Responsible for Public Security in the Americas (MISPA) and at Meetings of National Authorities on Trafficking in Persons;
- Support for the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) and the Rapporteurship on the Rights of the Child in the dissemination and promotion of respect for the human rights of children and adolescents in the Americas;
- Collaborating with the Department of Public Security of the Secretariat for Multidimensional Security on its programs to combat trafficking in persons, and sexual exploitation and violence;

- Working with the Inter-American Children's Institute (IIN) to advance initiatives to promote youth participation in the decision-making process and strengthen the capacities of governmental stakeholders and civil society to combat sexual exploitation; and
- Cooperating with the Inter-American Commission of Women (CIM) on its programs to protect human rights protection and eradicate gender-based violence.

5. Documents submitted by the CSO to the OAS

- Letter addressed to the Secretary General, dated September 17, 2012
- Articles of incorporation
- Statutes
- Mission statement
- Activities report for 2011
- Financial statements for 2011 (signed by *María Barillas de Ruano*, Financial Administrator, ECPAT/Guatemala)