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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)]

[Instituto de Enseñanza para el Desarrollo Sostenible (IEPADES)]

ANALYSIS OF THE REQUEST BY *INSTITUTO DE ENSEÑANZA PARA EL DESARROLLO SOSTENIBLE (IEPADES)* 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 *Instituto de Enseñanza para el Desarrollo Sostenible* [Institute of Education for Sustainable Development, *IEPADES*].

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 *Instituto de Enseñanza para el Desarrollo Sostenible* in accordance with the aforementioned Guidelines.

1. **Background**

Instituto de Enseñanza para el Desarrollo Sostenible (IEPADES) is a nonprofit organization that was founded on June 28, 1995, in Guatemala City, Guatemala. Its purpose is to help build democracy, social inclusion, peace, and respect for the fundamental rights of citizens through exercises to influence decision-making at the local, national, and international levels.

IEPADES is engaged in three areas, stemming from the Agreement for a Firm and Lasting Peace, signed on December 29, 1996 by the Government of the Republic of Guatemala and the Guatemalan National Revolutionary Unity. These areas are: strengthening institutional capacity; support for the process of decentralization and strengthening local government; and promotion of a culture of peace.

IEPADES organizes public awareness events and research programs on local development, risk prevention, weapons and ammunition control, local security management, strengthening of state security, and violence prevention, in order to help develop the human and democratic security model. The *Institute* also works on food security in vulnerable communities through productive income-generating projects for individuals living in poverty to cover their unmet basic needs.

IEPADES carries out its activities with funds from projects run by the organization and financed by the Kingdom of the Netherlands, the European Union, the Spanish Agency for International Cooperation for Development (AECID), the Sustained Development Foundation (FDS), and the Central American Network for Peacebuilding (RCCP).

IEPADES applied for registration with the OAS on February 14, 2014.

2. Name, address, and date of establishment

Name of Organization: Instituto de Enseñanza para el Desarrollo Sostenible

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Executive Director: Carmen Rosa de León-Escribano Schlotter

Date established: June 28, 1995

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

The main areas of activity and contributions of the *IEPADES* that could be of interest to the OAS include:

- Conducting awareness-raising programs with local governments and the public on the preparation of land development plans and risk management programs;
- Organizing seminars and educational programs to train citizens in issues of entrepreneurship in order to develop together with the community productive self-sustainable projects to contribute to the welfare of low-income individuals and families;
- Doing research and publications on the global arms trade and violence prevention and reduction using a multidimensional approach to serve as a resource for citizens and public officials;
- Proposing possible legislative solutions to issues related to citizen and democratic security; and
- Producing awareness-raising programs for youth and children in matters relating to violence prevention and development of a culture of peace.

4. Identification of potential areas of collaboration with the OAS

IEPADES is interested in supporting OAS activities in the following areas:

- Contributing to the work of the Permanent Council's Committee on Hemispheric Security (CSH) by sharing publications on issues related to violence prevention and reduction;
- Promoting the Inter-American Convention against the Illicit Manufacturing of and Trafficking in Firearms, Ammunition, Explosives, and Other Related Materials (CIFTA) by emphasizing this mechanism's importance in the fight against illegal organizations.
- Supporting the Department of Sustainable Development (DSD) and the Department of Human Development, Education and Employment of the Executive Secretariat for Integral Development (SEDI) by helping with productive projects in vulnerable communities and with preparation of land development plans and policies for risk management with local governments and national entities.

5. Documents submitted by the CSO to the OAS

- Letter to the OAS Secretary General, dated February 14, 2014
- Mission statement
- Articles of Incorporation
- Certificate of Adoption of bylaws
- Annual report 2012
- Financial Statement for 2012