

PERMANENT COUNCIL OF THE
ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES
COMMITTEE ON INTER-AMERICAN SUMMITS MANAGEMENT
AND CIVIL SOCIETY PARTICIPATION
IN OAS ACTIVITIES

OEA/Ser.G
CP/CISC-638/12
15 August 2012
Original: Spanish

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 Protección Social]

ANALYSIS OF THE REQUEST BY *INSTITUTO DE PROTECCION SOCIAL* TO BE REGISTERED IN 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 (CSO) *Instituto de Protección Social* [Social Protection Institute] (*IPS*).

The information contained in this report is in response to resolution CP/RES. 759 (1217/99), “Guidelines for the Participation of Civil Society Organizations in OAS Activities.” This document includes a summary and list of documentation presented by *Instituto de Protección Social* in accordance with the aforementioned Guidelines.

1. Background

Instituto de Protección Social (IPS) is a nonprofit civil society organization founded on March 12, 2009, in Guatemala City, Guatemala, to contribute to the integral protection and improvement of conditions in vulnerable communities in the Departments of Guatemala, Huehuetenango, and Sololá, especially of children, adolescents, and women.

IPS focuses on promoting democracy and human rights, education, justice, youth, migrants, and women and children, and provides legal advice directly to civil society.

With regard to children and adolescents, *IPS* disseminates information and raises awareness as a prevention mechanism, involving local and religious leaders, and local authorities and organizations so that jointly they address the forms of violence impacting this population segment. *IPS* has also monitored and kept abreast of public policies at the national level to improve the situation of children and adolescents.

In 2011, it promoted the establishment of forums for discussion and analysis, together with the above-mentioned community leaders, on the situation of children and adolescents in Guatemala, including a diagnostic assessment of state investment in these areas. *IPS* also promoted activities to prevent abuse in Guatemala’s education system and prepared studies on the situation of migrant children and adolescents.

In the area of gender, *IPS* recognizes women as the driving force of the family and the household. Therefore, in 2011 it promoted a survey in two departments of Guatemala (Guatemala and Huehuetenango) on family-related issues, where groups of women attended a program at the IPS Study Center that focused on promoting women’s comprehensive development and women’s and children’s human rights.

IPS promoted and monitored the process of gaining title to lots undertaken by 428 vulnerable families (Housing Act), holding some 60 meetings to provide legal consultation and advice, with attorneys and leaders who provide assistance during the process. It also promoted the delivery of training on community organization and human rights in the community through three organizational

capacity-building workshops and three political training workshops in five communities in the Guatemala region.

IPS finances its activities from financial support provided by different national and international agencies, among them: ECPAT/Guatemala, the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), Stichting Kinderpostzegels Nederland, Odhag, Trocaire, Plan Guatemala, Mesen Met en Misie, and Fastenofers.

IPS submitted its application for registration with the OAS on October 18, 2011.

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

Name: Instituto de Protección Social

Address: 10a Calle 9-68 Zona 1, Edificio Rosanca, Oficina 415
Ciudad de Guatemala, Guatemala

Telephone: + (502) 2253 2417

Fax: + (502) 2253 6589

E-mail address: ips.guate@gmail.com

President: Héctor Dionisio

Date established: March 12, 2009

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

IPS implements programs to promote and protect the human rights of children, adolescents, and women. The primary areas of activity and contributions of the organization that could be of interest to the OAS include:

- Promoting the protection of human rights through education and training programs for community leaders and campaigns and projects to provide feedback and disseminate knowledge on these subjects;
- Promoting women's comprehensive social and economic development by designing and holding workshops to strengthen education and training for women leaders;
- Monitoring public policies on recognition of the rights of children, adolescents, women, and migrants by preparing reports on the situation of the human rights of those groups; and

- Promoting cooperation with national and international nongovernmental organizations and any entity working in areas related to children and youth, or on gender-related matters.

4. Identification of potential areas of collaboration with the OAS

IPS offers to collaborate with the OAS in the following areas:

- Disseminating the activities of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) to promote and protect human rights, especially the Rapporteurships on the Rights of Women, the Rights of the Child, and the Rights of Migrant Workers and Their Families, and offering their reports as contribution to the work thereof;
- Offering support for the work of the Inter-American Commission of Women (CIM) in its mission to promote and protect women's rights, participate in the Mechanism to Follow Up on Implementation of the Inter-American Convention on the Prevention, Punishment, and Eradication of Violence against Women, "Convention of Belém do Pará" (MESECVI), and follow up on the implementation of the Inter-American Program on the Promotion of Women's Human Rights and Gender Equity and Equality (IAP);
- Offering support to the Inter-American Children's Institute (IIN) in its areas to provide education on and update the rights of children, adolescents, and the family, especially in establishing forums for the exchange of full information on processes to improve the living conditions of children in the Americas; and
- Sharing with the Special Committee on Migration Issues (CEAM) of the Permanent Council information on the situation of child and adolescent migrants, in cooperation with the Department of Social Development and Employment of the Executive Secretariat for Integral Development (DSDE/SEDI).

5. Documents submitted by the CSO to the OAS

- Letter to the OAS Secretary General dated October 18, 2011
- Articles of incorporation
- By-laws
- Institutional mission statement
- Project execution report for 2009-2011
- Financial statements for 2011 (signed by Marvin Rabanales García, Attorney and Notary, and Leonel Humberto Morales, Chartered Accountant)