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APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 6 OF THE
GUIDELINES FOR PARTICIPATION BY CIVIL SOCIETY
ORGANIZATIONS IN OAS ACTIVITIES [CP/RES. 759 (1217/99)]

(Movimiento Social por los Derechos de la Niñez, Adolescencia y Juventud en Guatemala)

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION CONCERNING THE MOVIMIENTO SOCIAL POR LOS DERECHOS DE LA NIÑEZ, ADOLESCENCIA Y JUVENTUD EN GUATEMALA

This document was prepared by the Summits of the Americas Secretariat to provide information to member states of the Organization of American States on the civil society organization *Movimiento Social por los Derechos de la Niñez, Adolescencia y Juventud en Guatemala* (Social Movement for the Rights of Children, Adolescents, and Youth in Guatemala).

It contains the basic data and a list of supporting documentation submitted by this civil society organization (CSO) pursuant to the Guidelines for Participation by Civil Society Organizations in OAS Activities.

1. **Background**

The *Movimiento Social por los Derechos de la Niñez, Adolescencia y Juventud en Guatemala* is a private, non-profit association founded in 1998 to encourage citizen participation in the promotion, observance, and exercise of the rights of children and youth. It is headquartered in Guatemala City.

It conducts its activities in the areas of human rights, childhood and adolescence, the fight against poverty, and juvenile health. It pursues its objectives by designing and executing community projects, promoting laws and treaties on the topic of children and youth, organizing all groups active in this area, and participating in national and international forums, seminars, and conferences.

The *Movimiento Social por los Derechos de la Niñez, Adolescencia y Juventud en Guatemala* receives support from various organizations, such as the *Alianza para el Desarrollo Juvenil Comunitario (ADEJUC)* (Alliance for Community Youth Development), the *Fundación para la Juventud (FUNDAJU)* (Youth Foundation), the *Asamblea Nacional de Jóvenes de Guatemala (ANJG)* (National Assembly of Guatemalan Youth) and the *Asociación Comisión Nacional de Acción por los Niños (ACONANI)* (National Action for Children Commission Association).

It has received contributions for its activities from the International Plan, United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), and Action Aid.

It submitted its application on March 2, 2005.

2. **Name, address, and date of establishment**

Name of the Organization: *Movimiento Social por los Derechos de la Niñez, Adolescencia y Juventud en Guatemala*

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

The main objective of the *Movimiento Social por los Derechos de la Niñez, Adolescencia y Juventud en Guatemala* is to help ensure that the rights of children and youth are respected. Its activities are related to those of the OAS in the following areas:

- Consolidation into a single entity of various civil society organizations dedicated to and/or interested in the promotion, defense, and protection of the rights of children and youth. It accomplishes its work by promoting and monitoring the ratification of international conventions and treaties on children and youth.
- Creation of opportunities for dialogue among different sectors to shed light on the situations and experiences of children and adolescents in Guatemala, with a view to eradicating child abuse.

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

The *Movimiento Social por los Derechos de la Niñez, Adolescencia y Juventud en Guatemala* considers that its participation in OAS activities can help promote the rights of the children and youth of Guatemala. It can also contribute to the OAS by means of the following activities:

- Holding of public events, such as forums, round tables, seminars, and conferences
- Participation in lobbying and negotiations at the legislative and executive levels that may result in the setting of public policy on children, youth, and human rights
- Promotion of legal action in abuse cases before the appropriate bodies, such as the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR)
- Raising of awareness about the problems of children and adolescents and promotion of their dissemination in the mass media

5. OAS work areas to which the CSO can provide support

The *Movimiento Social por los Derechos de la Niñez, Adolescencia y Juventud en Guatemala* will support the work of the OAS in the following areas:

- Collaboration with the Information Program (PIINFA) of the Inter-American Children's Institute (IIN) in the production of information systems and the promotion of their use by all individuals and institutions working on children's issues, in order to create opportunities for gathering comprehensive information that may help to bring about change in the living conditions of the children of the Americas
- Support for the Legal Program of the Inter-American Children's Institute (IIN), by promoting the ratification of regional instruments on children and adolescents and by updating information on new bills and laws on topics related to children and youth. Likewise, as a means of supporting the IIN Program for the Integral Promotion of Children's Rights (PRODER), the organization could develop strategies and methodologies for studying and analyzing the situation of children in the countries of the Americas.
- Promotion of resolutions, in particular resolution AG/RES. 2019 (XXXIV-O/04), "Fighting the Crime of Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women, Adolescents, and Children"
- Presentation to the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights of cases in which human rights may have been violated in the course of international adoptions
- Distribution of publications, resolutions, and multimedia presentations of the IIN to the various organizations in Guatemala working in the area of children and youth, for their information
- Participation in the forums, seminars, workshops, and conferences of the various OAS departments involved in areas related to children and youth and to the problems affecting them, especially in the poorest regions of the Hemisphere

6. Documents submitted by the CSO

- Letter addressed to the Secretary General of the OAS dated March 2, 2004
- Articles of Constitution
- Bylaws
- 2002 Annual Report
- Financial Report for 2004