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

[Organización Trans Reinas de la Noche]

ANALYSIS OF ELEMENTS FOR REGISTRATION BY *ORGANIZACIÓN TRANS REINAS DE LA NOCHE* TO PARTICIPATE IN OAS ACTIVITIES

This document has been prepared by the Relations with Civil Society Section of the Secretariat for Access to Rights and Equity to provide information to the member states of the Organization of American States (OAS) on the civil society organization *Organización Trans Reinas de la Noche*.

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.” The document includes a summary and list of documentation presented by *Organización Trans Reinas de la Noche* in accordance with the aforementioned Guidelines.

1. **Background**

Organización Trans Reinas de la Noche is a not-for-profit organization established on March 30, 2009, in Guatemala City, Guatemala, with the aim of promoting, developing, and defending the human rights and health of trans people.

Organización Reinas Trans de la Noche focuses on improving the quality of life and inclusion of trans persons who suffer social or economic exclusion because of their gender identity.

Organización Trans Reinas de la Noche works in the following areas:

- **Political influence:** By means of campaigns on topics of human rights, comprehensive health, and sexual diversity for public employees of the Ministry of Health, and public forums on “Legislating in favor of trans women.”
- **Comprehensive health:** By organizing medical assistance workshops for transsexual people at public health centers and through preventive information campaigns on comprehensive health, HIV, and sexually transmitted diseases.
- **Research:** On topics such as transphobia, attacks and hate crimes, and violations of the human rights of incarcerated trans women.
- **Outreach:** By means of public demonstrations to raise the profile of specific cases of human rights violations.
- **Youth leadership:** By training LGBTI youth and promoting their empowerment and participation in public opinion forums.

Organización Trans Reinas de la Noche funds its activities with contributions and/or donations from the global fund managed by RP HIVOS, UNFPA, and REDLATRANS.

Organización Trans Reinas de la Noche submitted its application to the OAS on May 3, 2017.

2. Name, address, and date of establishment

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Website: www.reinasdelanoche.org.gt
President: Noe Velasquez Vasquez
Date of constitution: March 30, 2009

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

Organización Trans Reinas de la Noche works to protect the rights of trans people. To achieve this, it promotes community strengthening, conducts research, and works to raise the political influence of the trans agenda. The primary areas of activity and contributions of *Organización Trans Reinas de la Noche* that could be of interest to the OAS include:

- Monitoring, raising the visibility of, and reporting specific cases of violations of the human rights of transgender people.
- Monitoring the health services provided for transgender people and working for the adoption of good practices within them.
- Promoting the empowerment of transgender people and their civic participation in public opinion.
- Conducting awareness workshops on health topics for transgender people based on the Health Strategy for Trans People in Guatemala.
- Organizing forums and research to showcase the situation of transgender people in Guatemala.

4. Identification of potential areas of collaboration with the OAS

Organización Trans Reinas de la Noche offers to collaborate with the OAS in the following areas:

- Working with the American Convention on Human Rights by preparing reports that reveal noncompliance with and breaches of its provisions in the lives of trans people in the Republic of Guatemala.
- Assisting the Rapporteurship on the Rights of Migrants of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights by preparing reports that call attention to breaches of the human rights of migrant trans people in the Republic of Guatemala.
- Assisting the Rapporteurship on the Rights of Women of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights by preparing reports on breaches of the economic, social, and cultural rights of trans women in the Republic of Guatemala.
- Assisting the Rapporteurship on Human Rights Defenders of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights in promoting the need for legislation that protects human rights defenders in the Republic of Guatemala and drawing up recommendations for the effective enforcement of such laws.
- Assisting the Rapporteurship on the Rights of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans, and Intersex Persons (LGBTI) of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights by presenting reports describing access to economic, social, and cultural rights by trans people in the Republic of Guatemala and formulating recommendations for drawing up proposals in conjunction with civil society.
- Contributing to the Unit on Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights by presenting reports on access by trans people to economic, social, and cultural rights in the Republic of Guatemala.
- Collaborating with the Inter-American Commission of Women by promoting the participation and leadership of trans women in the planning and implementation of public policies and programs in the Republic of Guatemala.
- Contributing to the Inter-American Program on the Promotion of Women's Human Rights and Gender Equity and Equality by working for the full and equal participation of trans women in all areas of economic, social, political, and cultural development.
- Supporting the work of the Inter-American Children's Institute in promoting the development of mechanisms and tools to support the Guatemalan State in establishing efficient and comprehensive strategies and actions for the promotion and protection of the rights of children and adolescents, with the incorporation of a gender perspective.

- Participating in hemispheric debates that are open to civil society and sending the OAS member states recommendations to be used as inputs for events such as the OAS General Assembly, meetings of the Permanent Council, regular sessions of the CICTE, etc.

5. Documents submitted by the CSO to the OAS

- Letter to the OAS Secretary General, dated March 1, 2016
- Articles of incorporation
- Statutes
- Institutional mission and vision statement
- 2016 management report
- 2016 financial statements