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PARTICIPATION BY CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS  
IN OAS ACTIVITIES [CP/RES. 759 (1217/99)]

[Fundación Latinoamericana por los Derechos Humanos y el Desarrollo Social (FUNDALATIN)]

ANALYSIS OF FACTORS RELATED TO THE APPLICATION BY THE  
*FUNDACIÓN LATINOAMERICANA POR LOS DERECHOS HUMANOS  
Y EL DESARROLLO SOCIAL (FUNDALATIN)*  
TO PARTICIPATE IN OAS ACTIVITIES

This document was prepared by the Summits Secretariat to provide member states of the Organization of American States (OAS) with information on the civil society organization (CSO) *Fundación Latinoamericana por los Derechos Humanos y el Desarrollo Social – FUNDALATIN* (Latin American Foundation for Human Rights and Social Development) of Venezuela.

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 contains a summary and a list of supporting documentation presented by *FUNDALATIN* in accordance with the aforementioned Guidelines.

1. Background

*FUNDALATIN* is a civil organization founded in Caracas, Venezuela, on June 9, 1978. Its objective is to promote and defend social rights in the Latin American community of nations with a view to achieving social progress and integral development. Its principal specific objectives are to:

- Conduct systematic research on topics that can shed light on current realities and help identify conflicts
- Produce data and analyses capable of encouraging and enriching views and positions conducive to peace-building, partnership for development, and the protection of social rights
- Develop and disseminate Christian ecumenical thought.

*FUNDALATIN* funds its activities by means of financial resources from the Ministry of Education, Culture, and Sports of the Government of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela; sales of books, appointment books, and videos; advertising revenue from the program “*Llegó la Hora*”; and various forms of collaboration.

*FUNDALATIN* filed its application with the OAS on July 18, 2005.

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

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First Vice Chair: Reverend Tomás Vargas Contreras  
Second Vice President: Eugenia Russián Solé  
Date established: June 9, 1978

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

*FUNDALATIN's* main objective is to promote and protect human rights and social development by means of the following activities:

- Organization of seminars to examine the situation of human and social rights in Latin America and the role played by communities in seeking democratic alternatives based on solidarity
- Dissemination through various communication tools of regular assessments of the situation of human and social rights in Latin America
- Promotion of training for citizens from diverse sectors in the areas of human rights, conflict resolution, and alternative social development
- Promotion of civil society participation through various initiatives with national, regional, and international human rights organizations

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

*FUNDALATIN* can contribute to OAS efforts to promote democracy and human rights by means of the following activities:

- Production and dissemination of audiovisual and written communication tools that will convey strategic OAS messages and information about current programs in the area of human rights and social development
- Organization of community seminars fostering civil society participation in specific actions geared toward the protection of human rights and direct participation in formulating and implementing public policy

- Facilitating opportunities for local dialogue and negotiation for addressing and resolving conflicts
- Research on the community's perception of human rights and social development

5. Identification of the OAS work areas in which the CSO proposes to support ongoing activities or to make recommendations on the best way to achieve OAS objectives

*FUNDALATIN* considers that it can contribute to OAS efforts in the defense and promotion of human rights and in the implementation of social development programs by:

- Promoting and supporting the activities of the organs of the inter-American human rights system—the Inter-American Commission Human Rights (IACHR) and the Inter-American Court of Human Rights—with a view to consolidating democracy and transparency
- Cooperating in the work of the Program and Project Evaluation Section of the Executive Secretariat for Integral Development (SEDI)
- Supporting the Inter-American Program on Education for Democratic Values and Practices and the activities of the Department of Education, Culture, Science, and Technology of SEDI in their efforts to promote democratic culture and education
- Participating in activities concerning civil society participation organized and promoted by the Department for the Promotion of Good Governance of the Secretariat for Political Affairs and by the Summits Secretariat

6. Documents submitted by the CSO to the OAS

- Letter addressed to the Secretary General of the OAS, dated April 20, 2006
- Minutes of the Regular Assembly of *FUNDALATIN*, April 20, 1996
- General Balance Sheet of *FUNDALATIN* for 2004
- Minutes of the Regular Assembly of the *FUNDALATIN* Board, November 26, 2004
- *FUNDALATIN* Annual Report, November 2003 and November 2004