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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)]

(Fundación Venezuela Propositiva)

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION CONCERNING *FUNDACIÓN VENEZUELA PROPOSITIVA*

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 *Fundación Venezuela Propositiva*.

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

Fundación Venezuela Propositiva is a nongovernmental organization established in Miranda, Venezuela, on December 22, 2004, for the purpose of improving the quality of life of individuals and communities. Its main objective is to pursue and defend peace in Venezuela and the world, by carrying out projects in the areas of education, the environment, health, housing, tourism, and culture, on the basis of equity and citizen participation.

Its activities are funded by personal resources of the members of its Board of Directors. It has also received donations from the Latin American Parliament in Venezuela.

It submitted its application on August 17, 2005.

2. Name, address, and date of establishment

Name of the Organization:	<i>Fundación Venezuela Propositiva</i>
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President:	Geraldina de Sousa Couto
Date established:	December 22, 2004

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

The objective of *Fundación Venezuela Propositiva* is to promote national and international peace and to improve the quality of life in communities. To achieve these ends, it focuses on the areas of education, democracy, the environment, health, housing, the economy, tourism, culture,

gender equality, human rights, security, citizen participation, and political affairs. Its activities are related to those of the OAS in the following:

- Furtherance of the promotion and defense of democracy in the Hemisphere
- Advocacy of human rights education and research and the promotion of human rights, based on a multidisciplinary approach, with an emphasis on the human rights of persons with disabilities, children, adolescents, and women
- Promotion of tourism as a strategic sector for economic growth and the improvement of social conditions in the countries
- Support for technical data exchange, to improve decision-making and policy design on topics related to the environment and sustainable development
- Contribution to the analysis and discussion of such topics as citizen participation, culture, security, and the fight against illicit drugs and corruption in inter-American forums like the Summits of the Americas
- Promotion of the exchange of information with member states and civil society organizations on economic and trade issues
- Promotion of horizontal cooperation in integral education projects.

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

Fundación Venezuela Propositiva has carried out projects aimed primarily at the most vulnerable segments of the population, including children, adolescents, persons with disabilities, and women, on topics like sustainable development and tourism. In this connection, its contributions that could be of interest to the OAS are:

- Implementation of projects designed to establish integral education systems that enable children and youth to become part of the productive apparatus of member states
- Development of programs to reincorporate children and adolescents who are victims of child abuse and prostitution into the community
- Establishment, execution, and monitoring of projects aimed at helping children and adolescents suffering from HIV/AIDS
- Establishment of information and publishing centers to provide guidance to women, especially pregnant adolescents, on matters pertaining to physical and mental health
- Execution of projects on the development of tourism and ecological cooperatives

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

Fundación Venezuela Propositiva pledges to cooperate with the following OAS efforts and initiatives as follows:

- Exchange of information with the Office of Education, Science, and Technology of the OAS Executive Secretariat for Integral Development (SEDI) on the implementation of integral education programs
- Support for the Inter-American Children's Institute (IIN) in its efforts to establish forums enabling children and adolescents to express themselves freely and participate on matters of interest to them. Likewise, *Fundación Venezuela Propositiva* could collaborate with the IIN by conducting research and preparing reports on the nature and importance of the problems affecting children, adolescents, and their families, and by offering possible alternatives for addressing such problems
- Collaboration with the OAS Inter-American Commission of Women (CIM) in research on the situation of women in the Americas and the challenges they face and in the formulation of proposals and recommendations to address those challenges
- Assistance to the Office of Trade, Growth, and Competitiveness of SEDI in the design of tourism projects and programs in a context of integral and sustainable development
- Contribution to the debate in the framework of the Summits of the Americas by presenting proposals on such topics as citizen participation, free trade, culture, security, and the fight against illicit drugs and corruption

6. Documents submitted by the CSO

- Letter addressed to the Secretary General of the OAS dated August 17, 2005
- Articles of Constitution
- Bylaws
- Institutional mission statement