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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)]

[Fundadown Venezuela]

ANALYSIS OF ELEMENTS FOR REGISTRATION BY *FUNDADOWN VENEZUELA* TO PARTICIPATE IN OAS ACTIVITIES

This document was 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 *Fundadown Venezuela*.

The information contained in this report is provided in response to resolution CP/RES. 759 (1217/99), "Guidelines for the Participation of Civil Society Organizations in OAS Activities," and includes a summary and list of documentation presented by *Fundadown Venezuela* in accordance with the aforementioned Guidelines.

1. **Background**

Fundadown Venezuela Foundation is a non-profit civil association, established on May 18, 2006 in the Municipality of Baruta, Bolivarian State of Miranda, Venezuela, for the purpose of improving the quality of life for people with Down syndrome and their families.

The Foundation is dedicated to "promoting in society the recognition and exercise of the right to comprehensive health care for people with Down syndrome, by pursuing opportunities to afford them effective access to goods and services in this area."

Fundadown provides assistance in health care, training, public awareness, equal rights and rights advocacy for people with Down syndrome, and integration into society and into the workforce.

To fulfill its objectives, *Fundadown Venezuela* conducts courses, events, forums and seminars, among other activities; and produces publications and promotional materials such as calendars, planners, and posters.

The organization has been executing projects with contributions from partners in Venezuela. In the closing months of 2019, management made significant effort to open a bank account abroad to raise funds from Venezuelans living in the United States and from other groups that are sensitive to causes beyond their borders. In January 2020, FACEBANK's board of directors gave approval for an institutional bank account to be opened for *Fundadown Venezuela*, and in February the signature process was completed for final approval.

Fundadown Venezuela submitted its application to the OAS on October 22, 2020.

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

- Name of organization: *Fundadown Venezuela*
- Tel: + 212 514 7075 / + 212 914 8662
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- Website: www.fundadownvenezuela.org
- President: Ana Beatriz Villegas de Seif
- Date established: May 18, 2006

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

Fundadown Venezuela engages in social work covering the physical and psychological health of individuals with Down syndrome as well as their family and surrounding communities. Since its creation in 2006, it has observed a direct relationship between full and timely access to comprehensive health services and significant improvements in quality of life and life expectancy.

Fundadown Venezuela hopes to participate in Department of Social Inclusion (DSI) activities related to expanding access to comprehensive health opportunities for people with Down syndrome and their families; promotion of public policies to ensure social inclusion of this segment of the population; and improvement of the living conditions of those with Down syndrome, a highly vulnerable group in Venezuela.

4. Identification of potential areas of collaboration with the OAS

Fundadown Venezuela proposes to collaborate with the OAS in the following areas:

- Supporting and participating in Department of Social Inclusion (DSI) programs and activities that are relevant to pursuit of its institutional mission and objectives.
- Follow-up on implementation of Summits of the Americas mandates and OAS General Assembly and Permanent Council resolutions.
- Promoting participation by civil society organizations in activities organized by the OAS and registration of civil society organizations in the OAS roster.

5. Documents submitted to the OAS

- Letter to the OAS Secretary General, dated October 22, 2020
- Articles of Incorporation and Statutes
- Annual report on activities in 2018-2019
- Institutional mission statement
- 2019 financial statements