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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)]

[Transparencia Venezuela]

ANALYSIS OF ELEMENTS FOR REGISTRATION BY *TRANSPARENCIA VENEZUELA* 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 *Transparencia 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.” The document includes a summary and list of documentation presented by *Transparencia Venezuela* in accordance with the aforementioned Guidelines.

1. Background

Transparencia Venezuela is a nonpartisan, plural, and politically unaffiliated not-for-profit civil association founded in 2004 in Caracas, Venezuela. It fights against corruption and impunity to construct a society characterized by justice, equity, defense of fundamental rights, and peace, in pursuit of Venezuela’s economic growth and social well-being.

Transparencia Venezuela directs its action towards investigations, oversight, influence, advice, training, and communications regarding the leading topics and players in the fight against corruption and impunity.

Transparencia Venezuela works in the following areas:

- **Democratic governance:** Promotes the adoption of laws and regulations governing transparency and access to public information and encourages the enforcement of anticorruption rules.
- **Training and institutional strengthening:** Promotes regular evaluations of administrative transparency and accountability, transparent contracting, and participatory budgeting.
- **Research:** Promotes the investigation and publication of corruption cases, either on its own or in partnership with journalists.
- **Civic engagement and education:** Promotes discussions of laws in various forums (academia, public sector, industrial and commercial chambers) in order to publicize proposals that are to be presented to the National Assembly, to conduct consultations on them, and to hear opinions and suggestions from different sectors of society.

Transparencia Venezuela finances its activities with public and private funds, notably from Transparency International, the European Union, Britain, and its members.

Transparencia Venezuela lodged its application with the OAS on May 15, 2017.

2. Name, address, and date of establishment

Name: *Transparencia Venezuela*

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Website: www.transparency.org.ve

Executive Director: Mercedes De Freitas

Date of constitution: May 7, 2013

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

Transparencia Venezuela works to promote and defend transparency in the national, regional, and municipal public administrations to reduce the risk of corruption and strengthen quality accountability for the citizenry. The primary areas of activity and contributions of *Transparencia Venezuela* that could be of interest to the OAS include:

- *Transparencia Venezuela's* monitoring of the national executive branch, the National Assembly, and the parliamentarians of Venezuela, following standards of transparency and good practices within the public administration and based on the Inter-American Democratic Charter.
- Conducting investigations into corruption cases in Venezuela and encouraging the enforcement of the Law against Corruption, the Law on Transparency, Dissemination, and Access to Public Information, and the Public Contracting Law.
- Conducting the “Transparent Resources” awareness campaign to empower citizens in demanding accountability from public officials and to alert them about irregular situations within the executive branch.
- Encouraging the imposition of political sanctions on public officials involved in corruption cases and following up on the judgments handed down by the Supreme Court of Justice in matters involving corruption.

4. Identification of potential areas of collaboration with the OAS

Transparencia Venezuela offers to collaborate with the OAS in the following areas:

- Collaborating with the Committee of Experts of the Mechanism for Follow-up on Implementation of the Inter-American Convention against Corruption (MESICIC) by providing information to improve its evaluation processes in Venezuela.
- Monitoring the implementation of the mandates of the Summits of the Americas and resolutions of the OAS General Assembly and Permanent Council in the areas of electoral oversight and institutional transparency.
- Supporting the actions of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR), particularly the Unit on Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights (ESCR), in order to ensure fair, equitable, and satisfactory working conditions, free of gender-based and racial discrimination.
- Collaborating with the Department of Social Inclusion of the Secretariat for Access to Rights and Equity by supporting the Working Group of the Protocol of San Salvador by providing information (regular evaluations, progress reports, plans of action) to the States Parties.
- Working in conjunction with the Relations with Civil Society Section of the Secretariat for Access to Rights and Equity in order to promote and ensure the participation of Venezuelan civil society organizations in OAS activities.
- To participate in hemispheric debates and OAS activities with civil society and to submit recommendations to the OAS member states, to be used as inputs for events such as the OAS General Assembly, the Summit of the Americas, meetings of the Permanent Council and its committees, sessions of the IACHR, etc.

5. Documents submitted by the CSO to the OAS

- Letter to the OAS Secretary General, dated May 19, 2017
- Certificate of legal identity
- Statutes
- Institutional mission statement
- 2016 annual report
- 2016 financial statement
- Sources of funding and strategic alliances, 2016