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

[Fundación Étnica Integral (FEI)]

ANALYSIS OF THE REQUEST BY THE *FUNDACIÓN ÉTNICA INTEGRAL (FEI)*
TO BE REGISTERED IN THE OAS

This present document was prepared by the Department of International Affairs, Secretariat for External Relations to provide the member states of the Organization of American States (OAS) with information on the civil society organization *Fundación Étnica Integral (FEI)*.

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 includes a summary and list of documentation presented by the *Fundación Étnica Integral (FEI)* in accordance with the aforementioned Guidelines.

1. **Background**

Fundación Étnica Integral (FEI) is a non-profit organization founded on July 13, 2000 in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic under the name of *Fundación Emmanuel Internacional*; it took its present name in 2007. *FEI* promotes the defense of human rights and holistic development of groups that are marginalized from Dominican society.

The *FEI*'s goal is to contribute to the fight against poverty, and to promote and protect human rights by conducting comprehensive development programs and projects geared to forming citizens in democratic values, with particular emphasis on civil, social, and cultural rights. The *FEI* also promotes the development of society with socio-economic and gender equity, based on justice and respect for human rights.

The beneficiaries of *FEI*'s work are those at risk of becoming stateless persons, immigrant workers and their families, children and adolescents at risk, and vulnerable female heads of household and their families.

FEI carries out community development programs in the education of children and adolescents, job placement and self-employment, and production for food security. It also provides assistance in sexual and reproductive health, and awareness of hygiene and environmental issues. It grants micro-loans to female heads of household and to young people, and supports vulnerable communities by conducting workshops on human rights, legal assistance, and community building.

Fundación Étnica Integral (FEI) finances its work by means of contributions from its members, fundraising activities such as international seminars and international organization seminars, such as the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), *Solidaridad Mundial* and the humanitarian organization, *SOLETERRE*.

FEI submitted its application for registration with the OAS on May 29, 2014.

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

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President: William Charpantier Blanco
Date of constitution: July 13, 2000

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

Fundación Étnica Integral (FEI) contributes to comprehensive, sustainable human development by raising awareness, organizing and participating in the discussion, planning, execution and evaluation of the process carried out. The organization's principal areas of work and contributions that might be of interest to the OAS include:

- Designing policies, programs, and projects to find comprehensive collective solutions to environmental, health, and production problems, and to problems in the area of human rights and the training of human capital to develop their communities.
- Organizing and conducting training programs, courses, workshops, seminars, and meetings that help strengthen grassroots community institutions.
- Contributing to the spiritual and moral education of vulnerable groups in our communities, both in marginal areas and in rural and border communities in the country.
- Providing follow-up and legal assistance to people at risk of becoming stateless, by means of awareness campaigns and information, with the support of international organizations and nongovernmental organizations.
- Providing assistance to communities that are at risk for natural disasters or social emergencies.

4. **Identification of potential areas of collaboration with the OAS**

Fundación Étnica Integral (FEI) proposes to cooperate with the OAS in the following areas:

- Promotion and participation of leaders of rural and border communities in the workshops and seminars of the OAS Department for Effective Public Management (DGPE) to exchange experiences and good practices in the DGPE's lines of action, such as institution-building, citizen awareness, and training;
- Dissemination of the activities of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) to promote and protect human rights, and contribute to the work of its Rapporteurships, particularly the Rapporteurship on the Rights of the Child, and the Rapporteurship on the Rights of Migrants, by drafting and delivering status reports;
- Support for the Inter-American Children's Institute (IIN) by promoting basic and early education for children and adolescents, in order to meet the objectives of the IIN's Plan of Action 2011-2015 and its areas of impact; and
- To participate in hemispheric debates on the topic that are open to civil society, and to send recommendations to OAS member states as input for events such as the OAS General Assembly, meetings of the Permanent Council, and periods of sessions of the IACHR, among others.

5. **Documents submitted by the CSO to the OAS**

- Letter to the Secretary General of the OAS, May 29, 2014
- Articles of constitution
- Statute
- Institutional mission
- Annual report 2010-2013
- Financial statement 2013, audited by Margarita Patricio, Executor
- Source of financing 2013