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

[Instituto Nacional de Desarrollo e Investigación de los Servicios Sociales (INDISS)]

ANALYSIS OF FACTORS RELATING TO THE APPLICATION BY *INSTITUTO NACIONAL DE
DESARROLLO E INVESTIGACIÓN DE LOS SERVICIOS SOCIALES (INDISS)*
TO PARTICIPATE IN OAS ACTIVITIES

This document was prepared by the Department of International Affairs/Secretariat for External Relations to provide information to the member states of the Organization of American States (OAS) on the civil society organization *Instituto Nacional de Desarrollo e Investigación de los Servicios sociales (INDISS)* (National Institute for Research and Development in Social Services).

The information contained in this report is provided pursuant to resolution CP/RES. 759 (1217/99), "Guidelines for the Participation of Civil Society Organizations in OAS Activities," and includes a summary and a list of data and documentation presented by *Instituto Nacional de Desarrollo e Investigación de los Servicios Sociales* in accordance with the aforementioned Guidelines.

1. Background

Instituto Nacional de Desarrollo e Investigación de los Servicios Sociales (INDISS) was founded on February 5, 2001 in the Dominican Republic, as a nonprofit organization devoted to promoting research into the social services shortfall in order to put forward proposals and recommendations and in that way further the development of the country. *INDISS focuses on the following areas, among others: health, education, culture, the environment, employment, housing, justice, poverty, and social security.*

It achieves its objectives by taking part in conventions, workshop briefings, and conferences promoting key issues of concern to the organization.

INDISS works in association with various civil society organizations on health issues, giving talks to personnel in hospitals and clinics on prevention, care, and medical procedures. It receives quota income from the organization's regular members, subsidies from the Government of the Dominican Republic, and contributions from members for services rendered to other institutions.

Instituto Nacional de Desarrollo e Investigación de los Servicios Sociales (INDISS) submitted its application to the OAS on March 12, 2008.

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

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Date of establishment: February 5, 2001

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

INDISS works to submit policy proposals and recommendations designed to improve access to basic social services, such as housing, education, culture, security and justice for the population of the Dominican Republic. The objectives pursued by *INDISS* are to:

- Promote research into the shortfall in social services in order to boost social development from a holistic perspective;
- Promote courses, workshops and seminars on health, education, employment, and social security, developing the capacity of citizens to reflect on issues relating to democratic and integral management of those areas and seeking to enhance local capacity-building by concluding agreements and conducting training workshops fostering democracy;
- Carry out educational programs on conservation of ecologically balanced communities through workshops for training students and teachers;
- Promote the preservation of traditional cultures through secondary student programs on folklore-related issues.

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

INDISS can contribute to OAS efforts through the following activities:

- Holding citizen participation forums, with the participation of different segments of the population, in order to exchange experiences and outlooks as a basis for making recommendations on matters of public concern.
- Organizing meetings between communities in order to disseminate and promote the importance of the Inter-American Democratic Charter of the OAS, respect for human rights, and the Summits of the Americas process.
- Coordinating talks, workshops, and seminars for training and information purposes directed at young people and adults, in order to raise citizen awareness of the importance of social, integral, and sustainable development.
- Promoting educational programs aimed at granting scholarships and educational resource materials for those participating in technical training, secondary education, and vocational training courses.

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**

INDISS considers that it can contribute to OAS efforts by:

- Fostering democratic values by promoting the Inter-American Democratic Charter;
- Working together with the Department of Electoral Cooperation and Observation of the Secretariat for Political Affairs (SPA) on the design and implementation of electoral technical cooperation programs;
- Promoting the programs of the Department of Social Development and Employment of the Executive Secretariat for Integral Development (SEDI) for implementing poverty reduction policies and programs to promote social development; and
- Working with the Department of Education and Culture of the Executive Secretariat for Integral Development (SEDI), in its activities aimed at enhancing the quality and equity of education in the Hemisphere and developing cultural and educational programs and projects.

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

- Letter addressed to the Secretary General, dated March 12, 2008
- Articles of incorporation of February 5, 2001
- Statutes
- 2007 financial statements audited by certified public accountant Narciso Rosado