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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)]

[Instituto Tecnológico de Santo Domingo – Technology Institute of Santo Domingo]

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION CONCERNING
THE *INSTITUTO TECNOLÓGICO DE SANTO DOMINGO*

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 *Instituto Tecnológico de Santo Domingo*..

It contains the basic data and a list of supporting documentation submitted by this civil society organization (CSO) pursuant to resolution CP/RES. 759 (1217/99), "Guidelines for Participation by Civil Society Organizations in OAS Activities."

1. Background

The *Instituto Tecnológico de Santo Domingo* is a private, public-service, nonprofit university founded in 1972 in Santo Domingo, in the Dominican Republic, where it is located. This organization is a part of the Dominican education system. Its aim is the academic and professional training of its members and the development of scientific capabilities for the application of technological resources. It pursues these aims through projects at the research centers of its various academic departments.

The *Instituto Tecnológico de Santo Domingo* funds its activities through student tuition, the Verizon Scholarship Fund, the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), the European Union PARME Fund, and the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO).

This organization submitted its application to the OAS on September 8, 2004.

2. Name, address, and date of establishment

Name of the Organization: *Instituto Tecnológico de Santo Domingo*

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Date established: June 15, 1972

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

The activities of the *Instituto Tecnológico de Santo Domingo* are carried out by its various academic departments according to subject. They relate to OAS activities as follows:

- Training workshops and technical assistance for businesspersons, to promote development of small and medium-sized enterprises.
- Proposal and publication of legislation promoting citizen participation.
- Collaboration on establishing governance and citizen participation training mechanisms.
- Promotion of political participation by youth, through leadership development courses.
- Training programs on gender issues.

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

The *Instituto Tecnológico de Santo Domingo* provides tools to various groups of people to increase their abilities, so as to fight poverty or problems caused by natural disasters, among others. It also provides technical assistance to other organizations that conduct social programs. The *Instituto Tecnológico de Santo Domingo* believes it could contribute to the OAS through the following activities:

- Promoting the political leadership of women and youth through training courses.
- Training entrepreneurs to develop small and medium-sized enterprises.
- Encouraging women's participation in business through a gender issues management study program.
- Cooperating in rehabilitating communities and businesses affected by natural disasters.
- Providing technical and logistical support to the process of approval and publication of legislation on social protection, encouragement of private enterprise, physical infrastructure, and disaster prevention.
- Refresher courses on primary care for medical interns.
- Research on rural development and comprehensive development of low-income children and adolescents.
- Promoting agreements among various levels of government and political parties to design common municipal development plans.

- Providing information for databases to maximize the legislative efforts of national legislatures.
- Designing and developing training programs for municipal government staff.

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

The *Instituto Tecnológico de Santo Domingo* offers to work with the OAS on programs to strengthen the capacity of leaders, young entrepreneurs, women, and students in the various areas of knowledge addressed by its academic departments. It will support the efforts of the OAS by:

- Supporting the Office for the Promotion of Democracy (OPD) of the Department of Democratic and Political Affairs (DDPA) in developing the Program of Training Courses for Democratic Leaders (CALIDEM).
- Supporting the Inter-American Commission of Women (CIM) in conducting the Business Leadership Youth Training Program and other activities of the Strategic Plan of Action (1995-2005) that promote women's leadership.
- Collaboration with the Office of Trade, Growth, and Competitiveness (OTGC) of the Executive Secretariat for Integral Development (SEDI) on the advanced training program, seminars, and conferences on multilateral and regional trade, for government officials.
- Participation in the programs of SEDI's Office of Sustainable Development and Environment (OSDE) for natural hazards management, through design of strategic policies and activities, technical assistance, and training. Supporting the OSDE in natural disaster mitigation projects.
- Supporting the Permanent Council in implementing the resolution "Natural Disaster Reduction" (CP/CG-1592/04 rev. 2) of the OAS Permanent Council.
- Technical assistance in designing the political database of the Americas of the Office for the Promotion of Democracy (OPD) of the Department of Democratic and Political Affairs (DDPA), as regards legislatures.
- Collaboration with the High-Level Inter-American Network on Decentralization, Local Government, and Citizen Participation (RIAD) of the Office for the Promotion of Democracy (OPD) of the Department of Democratic and Political Affairs (DDPA) in conducting the first phase of Expo Feria RIAD 2005, by identifying good municipal management practices.
- Support to the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) in conducting primary care campaigns and research in this area.

- Support to the Inter-American Information Program on Children and the Family (PIINFA) of the Inter-American Children's Institute (IIN) through research on poverty among children.

6. Documents submitted by the CSO

- Letter addressed to the Secretary General, dated September 8, 2004
- Articles of Constitution
- Bylaws
- Financial report for 2001, 2002, and 2003, including public and private funding sources (audited by Deloitte & Touche)
- List of projects completed and agreements signed by the *Instituto Tecnológico de Santo Domingo*