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Socio-Cultural Movement for Haitian Workers (MOSCTHA)

APPLICATION BY THE *SOCIO-CULTURAL MOVEMENT FOR HAITIAN WORKERS*
(*MOSCTHA*) TO PARTICIPATE IN OAS ACTIVITIES PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 6 OF THE
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This document was prepared by the Summits Secretariat to provide information to the OAS Committee on Inter-American Summits Management and Civil Society Participation in OAS Activities (CISC) on the civil society organization *Socio-Cultural Movement for Haitian Workers (MOSCTHA)*. The information contained herein is in response to resolution CP/RES. 759 (1217/99), “Guidelines for the Participation of Civil Society Organizations in OAS Activities,” and includes a list of documentation presented by the *Socio-Cultural Movement for Haitian Workers (MOSCTHA)* in accordance with the aforementioned Guidelines.

1. Background

The *Socio-Cultural Movement for Haitian Workers (MOSCTHA)* is a nonprofit organization founded in Santo Domingo, in the Dominican Republic, in January 1985 and legally established on December 22, 2003 by a group of Haitian immigrants with the support of the Confederación Autónoma Sindical Clasista (Autonomous Labor Union Confederation), CASC.

MOSCTHA comprises Haitian and Dominican workers and carries out comprehensive community development activities and programs aimed at improving living standards and respect for human rights in rural workers’ barracks, in shanty towns, and border communities.

MOSCTHA receives most of its funds from international institutions, such as the Center for Immigration Research (CIR), Fundación Humanismo y Democracia, Belgium’s World Solidarity NGO, the Dutch and Canadian embassies, American Jewish World Service, the International Organization for Migration (IOM), the Lutheran World Federation, Direct Relief, and others. In addition, the organization is funded by direct quota payments by its members.

MOSCTHA submitted its application on August 23, 2006.

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

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Date of establishment: January 20, 1985

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

MOSCTHA shares with the OAS goals pertaining to the promotion and protection of human rights and social and economic development. The areas of *MOSCTHA*'s endeavors that are related to OAS activities include:

- Implementing programs and projects that promote institutional self-management and community development;
- Strengthening and increasing strategies for community development and development of the solidarity economy sector in order to raise the standard of living of the population;
- Promoting respect for human rights and democratic participation of the population;
- Implementing educational programs in community health, medical care, and emergency and disaster management.

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

As part of its work, *MOSCTHA* conducts a number of activities that could help the OAS fulfill its mission. Its activities are as follows:

- Promoting the education and defense of the human rights of immigrants and their families by means of conferences, seminars, and legal aid;
- Fostering cooperative community and entrepreneurial development by promoting self-management and community participation in local development plans, especially in border areas;
- Training the population in projects fostering new alternative agricultural and business opportunities, job opportunities, access to microcredit, and management of microenterprises.
- Developing medical care and comprehensive health programs in shanty towns and border areas;
- Fostering water resource and environmental education and organizing environmental clean-up days with direct participation by the communities;
- Running comprehensive educational programs on such topics as community organization and management, leadership, family planning, domestic violence, and gender equality.

5. Identification of the OAS work areas in which the CSO undertakes to support ongoing activities or to make recommendations on the best way to achieve OAS objectives

MOSCTHA is willing to support the work of the OAS in the following areas:

- Supporting the work of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) by disseminating information on human, economic, social, cultural, and labor rights, especially those of migrant workers and their families;
- Supporting programs aimed at improving the standard of living and health conditions through actions designed to raise the level of education regarding the environment in conjunction with the Department of Sustainable Development of the Executive Secretariat for Integral Development (SEDI);
- Promoting the activities of the Department of Social Development and Employment of SEDI that generate new employment and trade opportunities;
- Promoting civil society participation in the monitoring and implementation of the mandates of the Summits of the Americas, especially those related to human rights and democracy.

6. Documents submitted by the CSO to the OAS

- Letter to the OAS Secretary General, dated August 23, 2006)
- Articles of incorporation (December 22, 2003)
- Statutes (December 20, 2002)
- Annual report for 2005
- Institutional mission statement
- Financial statements for 2005