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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)]

*[Fundación Dominicana de Ciegos - FUDCI]*

## ANALYSIS OF THE ELEMENTS FOR REGISTRATION BY THE *FUNDACIÓN DOMINICANA DE CIEGOS* TO PARTICIPATE IN OAS ACTIVITIES

This document was 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 *Fundación Dominicana de Ciegos*.

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 Dominicana de Ciegos* in accordance with the aforementioned Guidelines.

### 1. **Background**

*Fundación Dominicana de Ciegos (FUDCI)* is a non-profit non-governmental organization (NGO) founded on February 20, 1983 in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic as an institution that specializes in people who are visually impaired. Its mission is to ensure compliance with the human rights of the visually impaired and contribute to their development.

*FUDCI's* goal is to improve the level of education of the visually impaired and help them enter the world of work and thus improve their quality of life. *FUDCI* promotes cultural events and facilitates access to new technologies by the visually impaired.

*FUDCI* also works on nationally and internationally sponsored projects and programs such as "The Talking Book" program, which are designed to provide cultural education for the visually impaired so that they can acquire the basic tools with which to develop their capacities and personal growth. The materials are published on CD and MP3 Players, and are distributed free of charge to users in different regions of the Dominican Republic.

One of the signature programs of this organization is assistance with technology: The Foundation offers technical support such as computer adaptations, installation of information and communication technologies (ICTs) and software configuration. These services are accompanied by training in the use of specialized information systems for people with vision loss.

Thanks to international cooperation, *FUDCI* has the first Braille print shop in the Dominican Republic, which has been publishing books in Braille since 1996. The print shop also produces teaching materials for students with different visual handicaps at the primary, high school, technical, and university levels.

*Fundación Dominicana de Ciegos* finances its activities out of annual grants from the Dominican government, and contributions from other sources such as the ONCE Foundation for Latin America, the European Union's Institutional Strengthening project, and the Institute for Professional Technical Education (INFOTEP) of the Dominican Republic, among others.

*FUDCI* presented its initial request to the OAS on April 25, 2016.

**2. Name, address and date of establishment of the civil society organization**

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President: Lino Rafael Delgado Marte

Date of establishment: February 20, 1983

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

*Fundación Dominicana de Ciegos* helps ensure compliance with the human rights of the visually impaired, and helps develop their capacities for work and integration into society. The organization's primary areas of activity and contributions that might be of interest to the OAS include:

- Developing projects to enable the visually impaired to improve their quality of life by increasing their access to education, and helping them enter the world of work;
- Implementing programs to improve the proficiency of the visually impaired in Braille, thus contributing to a reduction in illiteracy and helping them become independent;
- Producing educational tools for the use of special technology programs and platforms for the visually impaired, such as JAWS, NVDA, OpenBoot, MAGic and Magnus, and
- Providing personalized psychological guidance on health, and sexual and emotional education, particularly to visually impaired adolescents, to help them develop to the full.

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

*Fundación Dominicana de Ciegos* offers to collaborate with the OAS in the following areas:

- Supporting the Department of Social Inclusion (DSI) of the Secretariat for Access to Rights and Equity (SARE) in organizing workshops, conferences and meetings on the rights of people with disabilities;
- Coordinating activities with the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) to disseminate the Inter-American Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination against Persons with Disabilities, promoting equitable access to education and information;
- Supporting and promoting equal opportunities in jobs and education for young people with impaired vision, and
- Promoting the participation of civil society in the activities of the OAS.

**5. Documents submitted to the OAS**

- Letter to the Secretary General of the OAS, April 25, 2016
- Articles of Constitution
- Statute
- Institutional mission statement
- Decree of Incorporation
- Annual report on activities 2018
- Financial statements 2018