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PARTICIPATION BY CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS
IN OAS ACTIVITIES [CP/RES. 759 (1217/99)]

Organización de Trabajadoras Sexuales – OTRASEX

ANALYSIS OF ELEMENTS FOR REGISTRATION BY *ORGANIZACIÓN DE TRABAJADORAS SEXUALES – OTRASEX* 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 *Organización de Trabajadoras Sexuales – OTRASEX*.

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 *Organización de Trabajadoras Sexuales – OTRASEX* in accordance with the aforementioned Guidelines.

1. **Background**

Organización de Trabajadoras Sexuales – OTRASEX is a nonprofit organization legally established on August 12, 2016 in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. Its primary objective is to fight for the empowerment of female sex workers in the country. It works to fight social discrimination to offer a decent standard of living by providing programs, plans, and projects that enhance and improve the quality of life.

Since its establishment, *Organización de Trabajadoras Sexuales – OTRASEX* has pursued the goal of creating education, health, and social development programs for female sex workers.

Organización de Trabajadoras Sexuales – OTRASEX conducts multiple activities to promote and facilitate female sex workers’ access to human rights, especially the right to life, physical integrity and health, work, equity, and nondiscrimination.

Organización de Trabajadoras Sexuales – OTRASEX conducts various activities to achieve the eradication of all forms of violence, exploitation or the forced labor of women, and promote a substantial change in the current legislation to create a statute on the profession and work of its members.

Organización de Trabajadoras Sexuales – OTRASEX is funded by member donations and the RedTrasex Project.

Organización de Trabajadoras Sexuales – OTRASEX submitted its application for registration to the OAS on October 31, 2017.

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

Name of the organization: Organización de Trabajadoras Sexuales – OTRASEX –

Address: Calle Cambronal No. 501, esquina Gabriel, Ciudad Nueva, República Dominicana

Telephone: (809) 682-3128, (809) 735-9996
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Website: N/A
General Secretary: Miriam Alt. Gonzales Gómez
Date of establishment: August 12, 2016

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

Organización de Trabajadoras Sexuales – OTRASEX – works in:

- **Human rights:** OTRASEX works to promote the human, labor, gender, reproductive, and sexual rights of women;
- **Health:** OTRASEX provides programs that distribute educational materials on the prevention of sexually transmitted infections (STI), HIV/AIDS, violence against women, and gender.
- **Violence against women:** OTRASEX offers multiple programs and events aimed at the eradication all forms of violence, exploitation, or the forced labor of women.
- **Political advocacy:** OTRASEX actively works to change the current legislation on sex work to create a statute on the profession and work of its members.

4. Identification of potential areas of collaboration with the OAS

Organización de Trabajadoras Sexuales – OTRASEX offers to collaborate with the OAS in the following areas:

- Sharing information and working jointly with the Rapporteurship on the Rights of Women of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) by promoting the full and equal access, participation, representation, and advocacy of women in the civic, political, economic, social, and cultural sphere in the region.
- Collaborating with the Inter-American Commission of Women (CIM) in the preparation of reports and publications on human, labor, gender, sexual, and reproductive rights.
- Promoting civil society participation in OAS activities and the enrollment of civil society organizations in these countries in the OAS register.

- Participating and collaborating with the Inter-American Program on Woman's Human Rights and Gender Equity and Equality (IAP).
- Monitoring implementation of the mandates of the Summits of the Americas and the resolutions of the OAS General Assembly and Permanent Council.

5. Documents submitted to the OAS

- Letter to the OAS Secretary General, sent October 31, 2017
- Articles of Incorporation
- Articles of Approval of Bylaws
- Institutional mission statement
- Annual activities reports 2017 and 2019
- Financial statements 2017 and 2019