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Asociación Civil Labor

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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 *Asociación Civil Labor*. 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 *Asociación Civil Labor* in accordance with the aforementioned Guidelines.

1. Background

Asociación Civil Labor is a private nonprofit association, founded in Ilo, Peru, in 1981 to promote sustainable development by means of environmental projects in the southern Peru (Ilo, Moquegua, Arequipa, and Puno) and in Lima.

The Association’s mission is to generate and promote leadership conducive to an expansion of communities’ environmental and social rights, the strengthening of democratic governance, and the advancement of sustainable development both locally and regionally.

Asociación Civil Labor is financed by special quotas paid by its members, revenue from services and economic activities, grants from third parties, and private sector organizations interested in sustainable development.

Asociación Civil Labor submitted its application on September 13, 2006.

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

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President:	Félix Álvarez Velarde

Executive Director: José Denis Rojas Álvarez

Date of establishment: January 17, 1981

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

Asociación Civil Labor shares certain goals with the OAS, regarding the importance of environmental management, gender equity, and the strengthening of democracy. The principal foci of the work done by *Asociación Civil Labor* that are related to OAS activities include:

- Developing civil capabilities and skills in local and regional leaders;
- Promoting and facilitating consensual paths toward environmental management and sustainable local development;
- Promoting civic participation of leaders in connection with the decentralization process;
- Helping to forge an environmental agenda for southern Peruvian cities;
- Implementing environmental and local development pilot projects and facilitating their execution at the local and national levels;
- Counseling communities on how to design sustainable development plans and manage social conflicts.

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

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

- Boosting the ability of community leaders and organizations to promote a culture of democratic participation with gender equality;
- Developing environmental projects aimed at improving air quality, solid waste management, the protection of green areas and the use of alternative fuels, and at fostering ecological – and at the same time profitable – farming;
- Training Peruvian communities in emergency response mechanisms and risk prevention and management in the face of natural disasters and climate change;
- Establishing and consolidating community led schools in communities in southern Peru as a means of strengthening environmental management in the mining industry and activities conducive to sustainable development;
- Promoting consensus-building and impact assessments as ways to improve governmental and corporate policies for safeguarding the environmental and social rights of communities affected by mining;
- Providing advisory services, training, information and agro-ecological technical assistance geared to strengthening producer organizations and the production and marketing of first class products;
- Supporting the establishment and consolidation of Municipal Environmental Committees in southern Peruvian cities.

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

Asociación Civil Labor can help generate opportunities for citizen participation in efforts to achieve stronger environmental management. *Asociación Civil Labor* is keen to:

- Support the activities of the Department of Sustainable Development of the Executive Secretariat for Integral Development (SEDI) with a view to expanding the scope for dialogue between civil society, businessmen, and the State regarding the formulation and implementation of policies related to biodiversity, environmental law, trade, and social and environmental responsibility;
- Supporting and disseminating the work of the Inter-American Commission of Women (CIM) in the field of gender equality, especially as regards leadership capacity among women; Supporting the activities of the Department of Trade, Tourism, and Competitiveness and the Department of Social Development and Employment of SEDI, through initiatives to expand trade opportunities, increase competitiveness and employment, foster economic integration, and strengthen micro, small, and medium-size enterprises;
- Disseminating the outcomes of the First Inter-American Meeting of Ministers and High-Level Authorities on Sustainable Development;
- Publicizing the mandates of the Summits of the Americas, particularly those of the Fourth Summit of the Americas, in Mar del Plata, on training of entrepreneurs in micro, small, and medium-size enterprises.

6. Documents submitted by the CSO to the OAS

- Letter to the OAS Secretary General, dated September 12, 2006
- Articles of incorporation (July 18, 1981)
- Statutes (January 17, 1981)
- Annual report for 2005
- Institutional mission statement
- Financial Statements and Auditors' Report for 2005 (Audited by Alicia Rivera Huamán CPC 13591 of Rivera Barron y Asociados)