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APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION PRESENTED PURSUANT TO ITEM 6
OF THE GUIDELINES FOR PARTICIPATION BY CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS
IN OAS ACTIVITIES [CP/RES. 759 (1217/99)]

[Asociación de Usuarios de Salud Mental San Martín de Porres (ASUMEN SMP)]

ANALYSIS OF THE REQUEST BY *ASOCIACIÓN DE USUARIOS DE SALUD MENTAL SAN MARTÍN DE PORRES* (ASUMEN SMP) TO BE REGISTERED WITH THE OAS

This document was prepared by the Department of International Affairs/Secretariat for External Relations to provide information to the member states of the Organization of American States (OAS) on the civil society organization *Asociación de Usuarios de Salud Mental San Martín de Porres [San Martín de Porres Mental Health Users Association]* (ASUMEN SMP).

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 summary and a list of data and documentation presented by *Asociación de Usuarios de Salud Mental San Martín de Porres* (ASUMEN SMP)

1. **Background**

Asociación de Usuarios de Salud Mental San Martín de Porres (ASUMEN SMP), a nonprofit organization, was established on April 7, 2009 in Lima, Peru, with a mission to promote human rights and social inclusion for users of mental health services.

ASUMEN SMP carries out a variety of activities to promote greater awareness about the status and rights of persons with some kind of psychosocial disability. The organization has also taken part in international events and exchanges of experience with other organizations for persons with disabilities, regarding the implementation of Article 8 of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. In October 2012, it participated in the Santiago de Chile workshop "Without legal capacity there are no human rights," organized by the Trust for the Americas, and in May 2012 participated in a Buenos Aires event on legal capacity and social inclusion of people with disabilities, organized by the Center for Legal and Social Studies (CELS).

Seeking to sensitize family members of mental health service users, ASUMEN SMP has organized walks in parks and workshops to provide associates and their family members an opportunity for social interaction and to provide them with training on the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

In March 2012, ASUMEN SMP joined with other civil society organizations for persons with sensory, physical, psychosocial, and intellectual disabilities on a march for Peruvian Women's Day.

ASUMEN SMP also runs training for its members on how to facilitate social inclusion and integration into the workforce. Also noteworthy is the participation of 10 ASUMEN SMP partners in a computer workshop at the "San Martín de Porres" Productive Technical Education Center, from September to December 2012. In addition, 10 people who use mental health services participated in a drawing and painting workshop from September to October 2012.

ASUMEN SMP carries out its activities through a project financed by the Fund for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (Disability Rights Fund).

ASUMEN SMP submitted its application to be registered with the OAS on April 13, 2013.

2. Name, address, and date of establishment

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Date established: April 7, 2009

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

ASUMEN SMP fights stigma and discrimination against mental health service users and promotes social inclusion for them. The main areas of activity and contributions of the CSO that may be of interest to the OAS include:

- Raising awareness of human rights and the legal capacity of persons with disabilities – especially mental and psychosocial disabilities – through activities to disseminate information and raise awareness about the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities; and
- Promoting social inclusion of people with some kind of disability, through participation in information technology and recreational activities.

4. Identification of potential areas of collaboration with the OAS

ASUMEN SMP would like to work with the OAS in the following areas:

- Providing the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) with information on the situation of persons with disabilities in Peru;
- Providing the Secretariat for Legal Affairs with information, in its capacity as Technical Secretariat of the Program of Action for the Decade of the Americas for

the Rights and Dignity of Persons with Disabilities (2006-2016) (SEDISCAP) and the Committee on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination against Persons with Disabilities (CEDDIS); and

- Sharing best practices to improve living conditions for and protect people with disabilities and provide them opportunities with the Inter-American Social Protection Network (RIPSO), in collaboration with the Executive Secretariat for Integral Development (SEDI).

5. Documents submitted by the CSO to the OAS

- Letter to the OAS Secretary General, dated April 13, 2013
- Articles of Incorporation
- Statutes
- Mission statement
- Activity report for 2012
- Financial statements for 2012 (audited by Roberto A. Espinoza, CPA)