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

[Asociación Interétnica de Desarrollo de la Selva Peruana (AIDSESP)]

ANALYSIS OF THE ELEMENTS RELATED TO THE APPLICATION BY
ASOCIACIÓN INTERÉTNICA DE DESARROLLO DE LA SELVA PERUANA (AIDSESEP)
TO PARTICIPATE IN OAS ACTIVITIES

This document was prepared by the Summits of the Americas Secretariat to provide Member States of the Organization of American States (OAS) with information on the civil society organization (CSO) *Asociación Interétnica de Desarrollo de la Selva Peruana (AIDSESEP)*.

The information contained in this report responds to resolution CP/RES. 759 (1217/99), "Guidelines for the Participation of Civil Society Organizations in OAS Activities." This document contains a summary and a list of supporting documentation presented by *Asociación Interétnica de Desarrollo de la Selva Peruana (AIDSESEP)* in accordance with the aforementioned Guidelines.

1. Background

AIDSESEP is a non-profit association founded on January 25, 1980 in Lima, Peru with the objective of advocating the goals of the indigenous movement in Peru and guaranteeing its unity and legal presence, with the objective of striving toward social development.

AIDSESEP endeavors to provide indigenous communities in Peru with the following services: legal organization, planning of lands and territories, development and protection of natural resources, protection and promotion of cultural identity, provision of education, health, and basic sanitation, communications, transportation, energy, civil registration, and economic development.

AIDSESEP is comprised of representatives of indigenous groups from many of the 1520 communities, 63 federations, and 6 regions of the Peruvian Amazon region.

AIDSESEP receives financing from organizations such as Nouvelle Planette, Oxfam NOVIB, Bread for the World Foundation, Norwegian Agency for Development (NORAD), and the Rain Forest Foundation, along with funding from other private contributors.

AIDSESEP submitted its application on April 20, 2006.

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

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

The main objective of *AIDSESEP* is to connect the activities of indigenous groups of the Peruvian Amazon region whose mission is oriented toward social development. Its activities are related to those of the OAS in the following areas:

- Promote and protect the rights of indigenous peoples including indigenous peoples' culture, human rights, land, natural resources, and language;
- Carry out development projects to improve the health care, sanitation, and education of indigenous peoples;
- Advocate women's rights through measures to promote women's educational, social, political, and economic development.

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

The following social development programs and indigenous peoples' rights activities carried out by *AIDSESEP* may be of interest to the OAS:

- Disseminate to Summits of the Americas mandates, General Assembly resolutions, and Permanent Council resolutions related to the human rights and cultural contributions of indigenous peoples;
- Propose sustainable development strategies, in particular those related to sustainable development in the Amazon basin;
- Develop intercultural health programs that seek to share medical knowledge across distinct cultures and increase access to health care;
- Participate actively in civil society discussions related to governance and indigenous peoples' rights;
- Contribute to international proceedings regarding indigenous peoples' rights, including the Working Group to Prepare the Draft American Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples of the OAS Committee on Juridical and Political Affairs (CAJP).

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

AIDSESP believes that through contributing indigenous peoples' perspectives and experiences with respect to social development programs, it can contribute to OAS objectives. In particular, *AIDSESP* can assist the organs, agencies, and entities of the Organization in the following ways:

- Participate in the negotiations taking place among indigenous peoples' representatives and the OAS Member States to prepare the text of the Draft American Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples;
- Contribute indigenous perspectives on biodiversity management, ecotourism, and protection of indigenous knowledge to civil society consultations sponsored by the Department of Sustainable Development of the Executive Secretariat for Integral Development (SEDI);
- Contribute indigenous perspectives to the programs of the Department of Education and Culture of SEDI related to the maintenance, promotion, and protection of the languages and cultures of indigenous peoples in the Americas;
- Contribute to the protection and promotion of human rights of indigenous peoples through collaboration with the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR);
- Carry out gender equity programs for indigenous women in collaboration with the Inter-American Commission of Women (CIM);
- Cooperate in following up the mandates of the Summits of the Americas and the OAS General Assemblies with respect to the rights of indigenous peoples.

6. Documents submitted by the CSO to the OAS

- Letter addressed to Secretary General dated April 20, 2006
- Constitution dated January 25, 1980
- Statutes dated January 11, 1999
- Annual Report (2005)
- Institutional Mission Statement
- 2005 Financial Statement (audited by Flores Konja y Asociados Contadores Públicos S.C.)