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

[Capital Humano y Social Alternativo (CHS Alternativo)]

ANALYSIS OF FACTORS RELATING TO THE APPLICATION BY *CAPITAL HUMANO Y SOCIAL ALTERNATIVO* TO PARTICIPATE IN OAS ACTIVITIES

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 *Capital Humano y Social Alternativo (CHS Alternativo)* [Alternative Human and Social Capital].

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.” This document contains a summary and a list of supporting documentation presented by *Capital Humano y Social Alternativo (CHS Alternativo)* in accordance with the aforementioned Guidelines.

1. **Background**

Capital Humano y Social Alternativo (CHS Alternativo) is a non-profit, nongovernmental organization founded on September 11, 2001, in Lima, Peru, for the purpose of promoting human development by fighting the crime of trafficking in persons and smuggling of migrants. It also designs and promotes strategies and fosters the adoption of public policy for locating missing persons, especially among high-risk populations, such as women, children, and adolescent victims of exploitation.

CHS Alternativo was established to denounce the exploitation of vulnerable groups and to initiate programs for prevention, prosecution, and oversight in that area. It collaborates with other organizations and networks such as Save the Children, the Latin American and Caribbean Network against Human Trafficking (REDLAC), the Global Alliance against Traffic in Women, the International Labour Organization, the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF), and the United States Agency for International Development.

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CHS Alternativo submitted its application to the OAS on August 19, 2009.

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

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Date established: September 11, 2001

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

CSH Alternativo provides assistance to victims of human trafficking and migrant smuggling. It also works to prevent human exploitation and to rescue exploitation victims, and is involved in other matters related to OAS activities, noteworthy among which are:

- Support for measures to promote and protect human rights and ensure that all types of violence are reduced, especially violence related to human trafficking and smuggling; and
- Promotion of the exchange of best practices, policy design, and coordination among government institutions and civil society organizations in areas related to the status of migrants and trafficking in persons.

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

CHS Alternativo executes projects related to human disappearances, exploitation, and trafficking. Its activities that could be of interest to the OAS are the following:

- Compilation and dissemination of a collection of articles, news stories, notices, documents, and reports on human disappearances, exploitation, and trafficking to the public and public authorities, in order to publicize information and best practices on cases of violations of human dignity;
- Development of advertising campaigns and education and training programs on human rights, specifically geared toward preventing human disappearances, exploitation, and trafficking and addressing related issues;
- Promotion of best practices in police investigation of the crime of child pornography; and

- Organization of joint campaigns with other organizations aimed at facilitating access to education and improving its quality for at-risk children and adolescents, in order to combat child labor, drug use, and child abuse.

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

CSA Alternativo considers that it can contribute to OAS efforts to:

- Defend the principles of the Inter-American Democratic Charter with regard to respect for human and social rights and citizen participation;
- Work with the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) to disseminate the American Convention on Human Rights and the Additional Protocol to the American Convention on Human Rights in the Area of Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (“Protocol of San Salvador”);
- Collaborate with the Inter-American Children’s Institute (IIN) in promoting the Convention on the Rights of the Child and the Optional Protocol thereto on the sale of children, child prostitution, and child pornography; and
- Provide support and make recommendations to the Department of Public Security of the Secretariat for Multidimensional Security for drafting a proposed Work Plan and following up on the Conclusions and Recommendations of the First and the Second Meeting of National Authorities on Trafficking in Persons.

6. Documents submitted by the CSO to the OAS

- Letter addressed to the OAS Secretary General, dated August 19, 2009
- Articles of incorporation
- Statute
- Institutional mission statement
- 2009 institutional report (activity report)
- Financial statements for 2008 (audited by Hugo M. Araujo Gutiérrez, CPA)