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

*[Centro de Desarrollo de la Mujer Negra Peruana (CEDEMUNEP)]*

ANALYSIS OF ELEMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION BY *CENTRO DE DESARROLLO DE LA MUJER NEGRA PERUANA (CEDEMUNEP)* IN THE FRAMEWORK OF REGISTRATION BY CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS 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 (CSO) *Centro de Desarrollo de la Mujer Negra Peruana (CEDEMUNEP)* [*Black Peruvian Women's Development Center*].

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 *Centro de Desarrollo de la Mujer Negra Peruana (CEDEMUNEP)*, in accordance with the aforementioned Guidelines.

**1. Background**

*Centro de Desarrollo de la Mujer Negra Peruana (CEDEMUNEP)* is a non-profit organization founded in Lima, Peru, on December 3, 1997, with a mission is to promote the rights of Afro-descendant populations, with particular emphasis on Afro-Peruvian women and gender equity and equality, through the execution of programs to strengthen their socio-economic, organizational, and political development.

*CEDEMUNEP* projects revolve around fostering the integral development, cultural identity, and participation of Afro-Peruvian women in the decision-making processes, and non-discrimination and prevention of violence against them.

*CEDEMUNEP* finances its activities through contributions from various organizations and foundations, among them the W. K. Kellogg Foundation, Match International Centre, Italian International Cooperation, Inter-American Foundation, Global Rights, and United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF).

*CEDEMUNEP* submitted its request for registration with the OAS on April 8, 2009.

**2. Name, address, and date of incorporation**

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Executive Director: Cecilia Ramírez Rivas  
Date established: December 3, 1997

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

*CEDEMUNEP* promotes the human rights of Afro-descendant populations and black women and its activities are related to the objectives of the OAS in the following areas:

- Promoting and strengthening community organizational capacity of Afro-descendant communities; and
- Eradicating all forms of discrimination and violence against the Afro-descendant population.

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

*CEDEMUNEP* carries out its activities by undertaking programs and workshops for analysis, training, and reflection. Among the organization's contributions that could be of interest to the OAS are:

- Promotion of networking by civil society organizations engaged with Afro-descendant populations to strengthen the leadership of Afro-Peruvian women;
- Monitoring of living conditions of Afro-descendant women in Peru;
- Designing and executing educational programs and workshops, to promote awareness about the human rights of Afro-descendant populations and the eradication of all forms of discrimination; and
- Providing advice on the development and implementation of public policies that foster the integral development of Afro-descendant populations.

**5. Identification of OAS work areas in which the CSO proposes to collaborate**

*CEDEMUNEP* believes its activities could be useful for the work of the various agencies and subsidiary bodies of the OAS in the following areas:

- Collaborating with the Inter-American Commission of Women (CIM) in its mission to promote gender equality, non-violence, and political participation of women;
- Supporting the activities of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) in human rights promotion and protection, with particular emphasis on vulnerable population groups, especially activities of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) Rapporteurship on the Rights of Afro-Descendants and against Racial Discrimination;
- Collaborating with the Department of International Affairs (DIA) of the Secretariat for External Relations (SER) in promoting civil society participation in OAS activities relating to Afro-descendant populations; and

- Assisting the Working Group to Prepare the Draft Inter-American Convention against Racism and All Forms of Discrimination and Intolerance, of the OAS Permanent Council's Committee on Juridical and Political Affairs (CAJP).

**6. Documents submitted to the OAS**

- Letter addressed to the OAS Secretary General, dated July 28, 2009
- Articles of Incorporation
- Certificate of Approval of Statutes
- Annual Activities Report 2008
- Financial statements for 2008