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

[*Centro de Desarrollo Ético (CEDET)*]

## ANALYSIS OF FACTORS RELATING TO THE APPLICATION BY *CENTRO DE DESARROLLO ÉTNICO* (CEDET) 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 *Centro de Desarrollo Étnico* (Center for Ethnic Development) (CEDET).

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 CEDET in accordance with the aforementioned Guidelines.

### 1. **Background**

*Centro de Desarrollo Étnico* (CEDET) is a non-profit, nongovernmental organization founded on September 6, 1999, in Lima, Peru, to promote the cultural and social ethnic development of the Afro-Peruvian community and to strengthen that community's impact on public policy.

CEDET carries out programs in the area of promotion of human rights and citizenship, education, productive initiatives, research, communication, leadership, outreach, and graphic arts, with a view to raising public awareness of Afro-Peruvian identity issues, promoting cooperation with governments and other local and regional civil society organizations, and helping to improve living conditions for persons of African descent in Peru.

CEDET belongs to networks of civil society organizations working to promote the rights of persons of African descent and to combat discrimination, racism, and violence, such as the Andean Network of Afro Organizations, the Afro-Latin American and Caribbean Alliance, the Black Women's Network of the Andean Region, and the Afro-Peruvian Forum. It is funded by contributions from its members and through projects it has executed with financing from the World Bank, Diakonia, and the Ford Foundation, among others.

CEDET submitted its application to the OAS on October 1, 2009.

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

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Executive Director: Oswaldo Félix Bilbao Lobatón  
Date established: September 6, 1999

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

CEDET endeavors to promote Afro-Peruvian identity, social development, and human rights. Among its areas of activity most relevant to the work of the OAS are:

- Promotion of the ethnic identity of persons of African descent, increasing public awareness of Afro-Peruvian culture, and strengthening the impact of that population group through its involvement in the design and implementation of public policies on discrimination and social exclusion; and
- Improvement of living conditions of persons of African descent in Peru through comprehensive human development projects carried out by associations, trade unions, and micro and small businesses, with the support of local and regional governments.

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

The following CEDET activities, which are intended to help promote and develop communities of African descent in Peru, could contribute to OAS work areas:

- Organization of forums, workshops, and training courses on racism, discrimination, human rights, and development project management to teach leaders of Afro-Peruvian organizations about their rights, generate strategies to fight discrimination, and set up support and advisory networks among community workers, attorneys, and other civil society organizations; and
- Preparation and dissemination of studies, publications, and videos on Afro-Peruvian culture; the consequences of racism, discrimination, and exclusion in a democracy; and human rights and their defense, among other topics.

**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**

CEDET considers that it can contribute to OAS efforts by:

- Upholding the principles of the Inter-American Democratic Charter;
- Supporting the activities of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) to promote and protect human rights, with an emphasis on at-risk groups

and populations, especially the activities of the Rapporteurship on the Rights of Persons of African Descent and against Racial Discrimination;

- Participating in the Working Group to Prepare a Draft Inter-American Convention against Racism and All Forms of Discrimination and Intolerance of the Committee on Juridical and Political Affairs (CAJP) of the OAS Permanent Council; and
- Working with the Department of International Affairs (DIA) of the Secretariat for External Relations (SER) to promote civil society participation in the Organization's activities with respect to communities of African descent.

6. **Documents submitted by the CSO to the OAS**

- Letter to the OAS Secretary General, dated October 1, 2009
- Articles of incorporation
- Statute
- Institutional mission statement
- Annual report for 2008
- Financial Statements for 2008 (audited by José Benigno Montesinos Ascurra, C.P.A.)