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APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION PRESENTED PURSUANT TO ITEM 6
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IN OAS ACTIVITIES [CP/RES. 759 (1217/99)]

[Centro de Investigación Drogas y Derechos Humanos (CIDDH)]

ANALYSIS OF THE APPLICATION BY *CENTRO DE INVESTIGACIÓN DROGAS Y DERECHOS HUMANOS* 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 *Centro de Investigación Drogas y Derechos Humanos* [Drugs and Human Rights Research Center] (*CIDDH*).

The information contained in this report is provided pursuant 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 *Centro de Investigación Drogas y Derechos Humanos* (*CIDDH*) in accordance with the aforementioned Guidelines.

1. Background

Centro de Investigación Drogas y Derechos Humanos (*CIDDH*) is a nongovernmental organization established in Lima, Peru on April 13, 2009, to promote debate on issues concerning drug control and counter narcotics policies that put human rights first.

In carrying out its mission, the *CIDDH* engages in such activities as coaching and legal advisory services for vulnerable groups and individuals who have been deprived of their liberty for drug-related crimes; prevention of threats, violence, intimidation, and abuse of authority by the police and the army; and promotion of decent treatment for persons suffering from addictions.

The *CIDDH* monitors the Peruvian Government's compliance with United Nations and OAS conventions and treaties that it has ratified, including the United Nations Standard Minimum Rules for Non-custodial Measures, the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, and the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, among others, for the purpose of preparing reports and publishing online newsletters that stimulate debate and contribute to public policy design.

The *CIDDH* has been working with the Open Society Foundation to develop the project *Drug Policy Reform and Peru: Erecting Barriers against Abuse*. The purpose of this project is to increase awareness of non-repressive measures to combat drug trafficking. The *CIDDH* has also held several meetings with military officers to discuss the campaign on the use of airports by people who transport drugs (mules) in addition to conducting a poll of 42 officers of the DIRANDRO, the narcotics division of the Peruvian National Police, with a view to preparing a report on their opinions regarding drugs and public policy.

The *CIDDH*, in particular, provides assistance to indigenous or foreign women of limited means and poor education, who have fallen victim to illicit drug trafficking and had their human rights violated. In the 41 cases in which the *CIDDH* has defended accused persons the following results stand out: three presidential pardons granted on humanitarian grounds, seven acquittals, three commuted sentences, and two writs of habeas corpus granted.

The *CIDDH* has signed a cooperation agreement with the Latin American Institute of Restorative Practices (ILAPR) to design projects on protection of human rights, mutual capacity

building, and exchange of experiences on young people with addiction problems, restorative practices, and the juvenile justice framework.

The *CIDDH* and the Municipality of Metropolitan Lima have signed a partnership agreement to implement joint collaboration and cooperation measures to ease social suffering on the issue of treatment communities based on the ECO2 (epistemological complexity / ethics and community-based) model in the Barrios Altos area of Lima. Under the above agreement joint activities are carried out on risk prevention and reduction among groups that are at high risk as a result of drug use and the problems attaching thereto.

CIDDH has set up its “green line,” a public call center that provides legal information and assistance to individuals arrested for and charged with non-punishable drug possession. From August 2011 to May 2012, the *CIDDH* provided assistance in 29 cases of cannabis possession and managed to get 47 people released from pretrial detention. It also provided general information on drug use and possession of small quantities of cannabis for personal use to users.

CIDDH finances its activities with contributions from the Open Society Foundation.

CIDDH applied for registration with the OAS on April 8, 2013.

2. Name, address, and date of establishment

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Director:	Ricardo Antonio Soberón Garrido
Date established:	April 13, 2009

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

CIDDH seeks to influence drug control policy and counter the adverse effects of drugs on the population. The main areas of activity and contributions of the CSO that may be of interest to the OAS include:

- Influence on drug policy design and monitoring through preparation of studies and reports on the Peruvian Government's implementation of international conventions and agreements in this area;

- Sensitization of government authorities and the public about alternative ways to combat illicit drug trafficking through training aimed at strengthening the government's institutional capabilities for preventing and addressing the problem;
- Protection of the human rights of persons deprived of liberty by holding regular meetings with inmates and providing legal assistance and information to people detained for drug use or possession; and
- Promotion of access to justice for affected members of coca-producing communities through legal consultancies, assistance in oral proceedings, case follow-up, and interviews with judges.

4. Identification of potential areas of collaboration with the OAS

CIDDH would like to work with the OAS in the following areas:

- Sharing information on the situation of people incarcerated for illicit drug use with the Office of the Rapporteur on the Rights of Persons Deprived of Liberty of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR);
- Cooperating with the Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission (CICAD) in monitoring implementation of the mandates contained in Declaration of Antigua, Guatemala [AG/DEC. 73 (XLIII-O/13)] “For a Comprehensive Policy against the World Drug Problem in the Americas”;
- Presenting reports and recommendations to the Inter-American Judicial Facilitators Program (PIFJ) in order to contribute to its objective of boosting access to justice and promoting the improvement of the judicial system;
- Assisting the Department of Public Security / Secretariat of Multidimensional Security in the area of correctional systems with the study of the rights and the care of persons under any form of detention or imprisonment; and
- Presenting reports and recommendations to the Meeting of Ministers Responsible for Public Security in the Americas (MISPA) on matters connected with civil society participation and gender and human rights mainstreaming in police decision-making processes.

5. Documents submitted by the CSO to the OAS

- Letter to the OAS Secretary General, April 8, 2013
- Articles of incorporation
- Statutes
- Institutional mission statement

- Report on the project “Drug Policy Reform in Peru: Erecting Barriers against Abuse” (August 2012 to February 2013)
- 2011-2012 financial statements (signed by Ana Carolina Cávila Tasaico, Independent Auditor)