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

Centro de la Mujer Peruana “Flora Tristán” (Flora Tristán Peruvian Women’s Center)

APPLICATION BY *CENTRO DE LA MUJER PERUANA “FLORA TRISTÁN”* TO PARTICIPATE
IN OAS ACTIVITIES PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 6 OF THE GUIDELINES FOR
PARTICIPATION BY CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS IN OAS ACTIVITIES
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This document was prepared by the Summits Secretariat to provide information to the OAS Committee on Inter-American Summits Management and Civil Society Participation in OAS Activities on the civil society organization *Centro de la Mujer Peruana “Flora Tristán.”* 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,” and includes a list of documentation presented by the *Centro de la Mujer Peruana “Flora Tristán”* in accordance with the aforementioned Guidelines.

1. Background

The *Centro de la Mujer Peruana “Flora Tristán”* was established 1979 as a nonprofit civil society organization whose mission is to promote and protect women’s human rights, in coordination with the national, regional, and international women’s movement. Its headquarters are in Lima, Peru.

The *Centro “Flora Tristán”* develops strategies for research, training, advisory, communications, legal, and health services, and production and dissemination of information to promote gender equity. The *Centro “Flora Tristán”* has also promoted, at the national and international levels, government policies, legislative reform, and legal mechanisms in support of women’s human rights and sustainable development.

The *Centro “Flora Tristán”* receives funding in particular from organizations such as the Ford Foundation, International Women’s Health, the Global Fund for Women, and Peace and Solidarity; and by rendering services under international cooperation agreements with organizations such as the UN Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM), the World Health Organization (WHO), the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), the German cooperation service, the Andean human rights program, and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).

The *Centro “Flora Tristán”* presented its application on September 11, 2006.

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

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Date of establishment: April 24, 1979

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

The *Centro “Flora Tristán”* is organized into five programs related to OAS activities:

- Influence government policy-making in favor of the exercise and recognition of women’s human rights;
- Help to strengthen the gender perspective in local and regional development policies;
- Promote women’s access to social and institutional productive resources and to land deeds;
- Enhance analysis and social action by producing and disseminating knowledge from a gender perspective.

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

In its areas of endeavor, the *Centro “Flora Tristán”* carries out various activities that could help the OAS to fulfill its mission, especially in the eradication of gender inequality. The activities of the *Centro “Flora Tristán”* are as follows:

- Conduct training workshops to generate new forums for discussion of the human rights of women in general, rural women, and indigenous women;
- Prepare reports on the status of women’s human rights for international institutions and the treaty committees of the United Nations;
- Conduct public impact campaigns on sexual and reproductive rights and foster discussion of policy proposals in the field of public health and violence, from a human rights perspective;
- Participate in designing government health policy and monitor implementation of the International Conference on Population and Development;
- Promote initiatives and studies from a gender perspective in local and rural development policies and in the operations of political parties;
- Develop activities for preventing and addressing family violence and addressing public safety;
- Promote the organization of rural women’s departmental networks and establish alliances with similar organizations in Ecuador, Colombia, and Bolivia.

5. Identification of the OAS work areas in which the CSO undertakes to support ongoing

activities or to make recommendations on the best way to achieve OAS objectives

The *Centro “Flora Tristán”* believes it could contribute to OAS efforts by:

- Supporting and publicizing the gender equity work of the Inter-American Commission of Women (CIM), especially for the prevention, punishment, and eradication of all forms of gender violence, cooperating on policies and activities that promote gender equality through formulation of new legal and legislative structures and opening opportunities for women’s training and participation;
- Helping to reduce poverty through occupational training and education in rural and marginalized areas, with support from the Department of Education and Culture of the Executive Secretariat for Integral Development (SEDI);
- Cooperating with the Department of Sustainable Democracy and Special Missions of the Secretariat for Political Affairs, participating in activities to increase and promote democratic values, supporting social and political participation, including gender equity in all instances;
- Promoting civil society participation in the follow-up and implementation of the mandates of the Summit of the Americas as regards strengthening democracy, promoting and protecting human rights, and gender equity and equality;
- Supporting the work of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) by disseminating information on human and civic rights, especially those related to gender equity.

6. Documents submitted by the CSO to the OAS

- Letter to the OAS Secretary General, dated September 11, 2006
- Articles of incorporation (April 24, 1979)
- Statutes (October 2005)
- Annual report for 2005
- Institutional mission statement
- Financial statements for 2005 (Audited by C.P.A. Marcos Chacaliaza Cevallos de Panez, Chacaliaza and Assoc., S.C.)