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

[Centro de Promoción y Defensa de los Derechos Sexuales y Reproductivos (PROMSEX)]

ANALYSIS OF THE REQUEST BY *CENTRO DE PROMOCIÓN Y DEFENSA DE LOS DERECHOS SEXUALES Y REPRODUCTIVOS* 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 Promoción y Defensa de los Derechos Sexuales y Reproductivos* [Center for the Promotion and Defense of Sexual Rights (PROMSEX)].

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 Promoción y Defensa de los Derechos Sexuales y Reproductivos* (PROMSEX) in accordance with the aforementioned Guidelines.

**1. Background**

*Centro de Promoción y Defensa de los Derechos Sexuales y Reproductivos (PROMSEX)* is a not-for-profit organization that was founded in Lima, Peru, on February 25, 2005. The Mission of *PROMSEX* is to promote, support, foster, and raise awareness about sexual and reproductive rights based on gender equity and social justice.

*PROMSEX* conducts training and awareness-raising activities for community leaders and public servants about issues related to equal opportunity, respect for the free development of one's personality, and sexual and reproductive rights. It also advocates and encourages strategies to promote policies to recognize, respect, and guarantee the full enjoyment of sexual and reproductive rights as human rights, in an effort to eradicate gender discrimination and promote reproductive autonomy. *PROMSEX* also conducts training courses for medical personnel to prevent discrimination against LGBTTTTI groups and organizes activities to advocate on issues related to the prevention of sexually-transmitted diseases.

*PROMSEX* finances its activities through personal donations, aid agencies, and private donors, such as Planned Parenthood Federation of America, International Women's Health Coalition, Ford Foundation, IBIS Reproductive Health, Triangle Foundation, and the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA).

*PROMSEX* applied for registration with the OAS on May 13, 2013.

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

Name of Organization: Centro de Promoción y Defensa de los Derechos Sexuales y Reproductivos (PROMSEX)

Address: Avenida José Pardo 601 Miraflores, Lima, Peru

Telephone: (+511) 447-8668

E-mail address: postmaster@promdsr.org

Website: www.promsex.org

Director General: Rossina Guerrero

Date established: February 25, 2005

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

*Centro de Promoción y Defensa de los Derechos Sexuales y Reproductivos* is engaged in promoting sexual and reproductive rights in order to bring about a society based on gender equality, equal opportunity, and respect for diversity. The main areas of activity and contributions of the CSO that may be of interest to the OAS include:

- Organizing activities to raise awareness among community leaders and public servants about issues related to respect for sexual and reproductive rights;
- Influencing the creation of policies to guarantee the full exercise of sexual and reproductive rights; and
- Promoting access to sexual and reproductive health, justice, and human security, without any discrimination whatsoever.

**4. Identification of potential areas of collaboration with the OAS**

*Centro de Promoción y Defensa de los Derechos Sexuales y Reproductivo* proposes to collaborate with the OAS in the following areas:

- Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) promotion of respect for human rights and social inclusion regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity;
- Supporting the work of the Inter-American Commission of Women (CIM) by promoting women's participation in political, social, and economic affairs; and
- Assisting in tracking and monitoring the progress, achievements, and challenges in implementing the commitments undertaken in the Inter-American Convention on the

Prevention, Punishment, and Eradication of Violence against Women (Convention of Belém Do Pará).

- Promoting the Inter-American Convention against Racism and All Forms of Discrimination and Intolerance through the organization's awareness-raising activities.

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

- Letter to the OAS Secretary General, dated May 13, 2013
- Articles of incorporation
- Statutes
- Institutional mission statement
- Annual activities report, for the period 2011-2012
- 2012 financial statement