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APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN OAS ACTIVITIES
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SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS IN OAS ACTIVITIES [CP/RES. 759 (1217/99)]

[Centro Interamericano contra la Desaparición, Explotación, Trata y Tráfico (CIDETT)]

ANALYSIS OF THE ELEMENTS RELATED TO THE APPLICATION BY
*CENTRO INTERAMERICANO CONTRA LA DESAPARICIÓN, EXPLOTACIÓN, TRATA Y
TRÁFICO (CIDETT)* TO PARTICIPATE IN OAS ACTIVITIES

This document was prepared by the Summits of the Americas Secretariat to provide Member States of the Organization of American States (OAS) with information on the civil society organization (CSO) *Centro Interamericano contra la Desaparición, Explotación, Trata y Tráfico (CIDETT)*.

The information contained in this report responds 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 *Centro Interamericano contra la Desaparición, Explotación, Trata y Tráfico (CIDETT)* in accordance with the aforementioned Guidelines.

1. Background

Centro Interamericano contra la Desaparición, Explotación, Trata y Tráfico (CIDETT) is a non-profit association founded on April 4, 2006 in Lima, Peru to support initiatives that fight the disappearance, exploitation, and trafficking of persons. It also seeks to create and motivate strategies and public policies that lead to the discovery of missing persons.

CIDETT works through regional networks and coordinates its efforts with government authorities and approximately 300 national and international organizations in order to implement projects that have a regional impact. *CIDETT* is presently implementing projects in 10 countries of Latin America and the Caribbean (Peru, Ecuador, Bolivia, Chile, Guatemala, Puerto Rico, Costa Rica, Belize, Mexico, and Nicaragua). It promotes the development and use of two websites that utilize information technology as a means to combat disappearance, exploitation, and trafficking of persons. *CIDETT* also participates in regional discussions that address issues of disappearance, exploitation, and trafficking of persons.

CIDETT carries out its activities through programs financed by international contributors, such as Save the Children Suecia.

CIDETT submitted its application on June 9, 2006.

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

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

The main objective of *CIDETT* is to coordinate government and civil society activities to address the problem of disappearance, exploitation, and trafficking (DETT) of persons. Its activities are related to those of the OAS in the following areas:

- Provide advice in the design and implementation of public policies to prevent and protect victims of DETT, along with sanctioning the perpetrators of DETT crimes;
- Promote the sharing of best practices and coordination between governmental institutions and civil society organizations regarding themes of trafficking in persons;
- Conduct research and studies about DETT in order to create awareness, and to promote public policies to deal with the issue;
- Raise awareness of DETT in the population at large and generate recommendations to policymakers and public authorities of how to decrease cases of DETT.

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

CIDETT implements its projects through its own programs and also through its network of organizations working on issues of DETT. In this regard, the following activities that this organization carries out may be of interest to the OAS:

- Strengthen the network that tracks disappeared persons in Latin America (www.latinoamericanosdesaparecidos.org) and train governmental authorities in the region on how to use the network;
- Carry out educational and training programs to prevent and treat issues of DETT;
- Promote networking and make contacts among civil society organizations in the region that work directly or indirectly with DETT themes;
- Communicate with police units in charge of dealing with DETT issues in each of the countries of the region;

- Improve technological tools and information systems that facilitate information management of DETT and encourage the cooperation of civil society organizations in the region to address the issue of DETT;
- Compile a registry of articles, news, notices, documents, and reports about DETT and make these available to the public and public authorities with the purpose of disseminating information and best practices on the issue.

5. Identification of the OAS priority areas in which the CSO proposes to support ongoing activities or to make recommendations on the best way to achieve OAS objectives

CIDETT's activities to combat the disappearance, exploitation, and trafficking in persons complements the work of the OAS with regard to combating trafficking in persons. In particular, this CSO can assist the organs, agencies, and entities of the Organization in the following ways:

- Collaborate with the Anti-Trafficking in Persons Section of the Department for the Prevention of Threats against Public Security of the Secretariat for Multidimensional Security to fight trafficking in persons by strengthening legal, judicial, and administrative systems and establishing a national coordination mechanism to prevent and combat the crime of trafficking in persons and to protect victims;
- Follow up on and disseminate the conclusions and recommendations of the Meeting of National Authorities on Trafficking in Persons," held in March 2006;
- Monitor the implementation of OAS General Assembly resolution AG/RES. 2256 (XXXVI-O/06) oriented to fight the crime of trafficking in persons;
- Implement the cooperative agreement with the Inter-American Children's Institute (IIN) and develop the joint campaign "Denuncia la Trata" to ease the process of exposing perpetrators of human trafficking;
- Provide information, policy recommendations, case studies, and regional experiences regarding DETT to OAS organs and political bodies.

6. Documents submitted by the CSO to the OAS

- Letter addressed to the Secretary General dated March 31, 2006
- Constitution dated March 31, 2006
- Statutes dated March 31, 2006
- Annual Report 2006
- Institutional Mission Statement
- Financial Statement dated September 30, 2006