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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)]

[CHIRAPAQ Centro de Culturas Indígenas del Perú]

ANALYSIS OF THE REQUEST BY THE *CENTRO DE CULTURAS INDÍGENAS DEL PERÚ* 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 *CHIRAPAQ Centro de Culturas Indígenas del Perú*.

The information contained in this report is in response 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 *CHIRAPAQ Centro de Culturas Indígenas del Perú*, in accordance with the aforementioned resolution.

1. **Background**

CHIRAPAQ Centro de Culturas Indígenas del Perú is a civil, non-profit association established in Lima, Peru, on April 15, 1988. Its purpose is to promote the sustainable human development of Peru’s indigenous peoples.

The mission of *CHIRAPAQ Centro de Culturas Indígenas del Perú* is to come up with proposals and conduct activities that will influence domestic and global policies to affirm the cultural identity of indigenous peoples and full exercise of their individual and collective rights, with the emphasis on women, youth, and children.

CHIRAPAQ Centro de Culturas Indígenas del Perú has five programs of activity:

- 1) The Indigenous Women’s Program, where it conducts activities to further Andean and Amazonian indigenous women by enhancing the role they play as principal protagonists of changes, both for themselves and their indigenous peoples;
- 2) The Noqanchiq Program, which fosters strategic opportunities to preserve cultural identity for indigenous children and adolescents, by honing their artistic talents, developing suitable educational policies, and contributing to their own integral development;
- 3) The Food Sovereignty and Security Program, which works to recover the local food culture, biodiversity, and farm production by preserving, creating an appreciation of, innovating and socializing ancestral techniques of planting, irrigation, fertilization, and prevention and control of blights and plant disease.
- 4) The Culture and Policy Impact Program, intended to influence public policies and programs so that they feature an inter-cultural and rights-based approach, by ensuring the indigenous peoples’ participation in crafting, applying, and evaluating those policies and programs.

- 5) The Indigenous Communications Program, which helps train indigenous communicators who report on, disseminate, and act as spokespersons for and representatives of the indigenous communities in the defense of their rights. The Program also works for democratic access to the communications media and to ensure that the mass communications media project a respectful image of indigenous peoples.

CHIRAPAQ Centro de Culturas Indígenas del Perú conducts its projects with resources from organizations like the following: *Terre des Hommes*; Tebtebba; the Ford Foundation, Tamalpais; World Association for Christian Communication-WACC, the Hunter Project; Oxfam Quebec, the Spanish Agency for International Cooperation and Development (AECID); the UN Fund for Gender Equality; the Global Fund for Women, and RSF Social Finance, among others.

CHIRAPAQ Centro de Culturas Indígenas del Perú filed its application to be registered with the OAS on July 15, 2014.

2. Name, address and date of establishment

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Date of establishment: April 15, 1988

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

CHIRAPAQ Centro de Culturas Indígenas del Perú promotes the cultural affirmation and rights of indigenous peoples, with the emphasis on women, youth, and children. The following are among the organization's primary areas of activity and contributions that could be of interest to the OAS:

- Protection and preservation of ancestral indigenous values, knowledge, and techniques, while properly meeting the particular aspirations and needs of these communities.
- Design, implementation, monitoring, and evaluation of the policies and programs in place to protect and respect the indigenous peoples' rights.
- Promoting the eradication of extreme poverty within indigenous communities, especially among the most vulnerable groups like women and children.

4. Identification of potential areas of collaboration with the OAS

CHIRAPAQ Centro de Culturas Indígenas del Perú proposes to collaborate with the OAS in the following areas:

- Providing input and cooperating with the Inter-American Committee on Social Development (CIDES) of the Inter-American Council for Integral Development (CIDI), on formulating policies and conducting cooperative activities in the area of social development;
- Continuing to support and participate in the work of civil society and the indigenous communities in the process of negotiating the Draft American Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples;
- Cooperating with the Inter-American Committee on Education to make education more accessible to the indigenous peoples of the Americas;
- Collaborating with the Department of International Law on the implementation of the Program of Action on Indigenous Peoples in the Americas, with a view to promoting and strengthening indigenous peoples' participation in decision-making processes;
- Providing information to the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) and the Permanent Council concerning the following:
 - The human rights situation in the region with regard to sexual orientation and gender identity, in furtherance of resolution AG/RES. 2863 (XLIV-O/14) "Human Rights, Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity and Expression" and
 - Follow-up of the Inter-American Convention against Racism, Racial Discrimination and Related Forms of Intolerance, and the Inter-American Convention against All Forms of Discrimination and Intolerance.
- Participating in the hemispheric debates on the subject that are open to civil society and offering recommendations to the OAS member states that could serve as input for events like the OAS General Assembly, meetings of the Permanent Council, sessions of the IACHR, and others.

5. **Documents presented to the OAS**

- Letter addressed to the OAS Secretary General
- Charter and Statutes
- 2013 annual report
- Mission statement, and
- 2013 financial statements audited by CPA Liliana Riquelme Borja