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ANALYSIS OF ELEMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION BY
THE ANDEAN COMMISSION OF JURISTS IN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE
REGISTRATION PROCEDURE FOR PARTICIPATION BY CIVIL SOCIETY
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This document was prepared by the Secretariat for the Summit Process to provide information to the member states of the Organization on the *Andean Commission of Jurists*, a civil society organization.

The information contained in this report reflects the provisions of 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 the different elements and documentation submitted by the *Andean Commission of Jurists*, in fulfillment of the provisions of the said Guidelines.

1. Background:

The *Andean Commission of Jurists* was established in Lima, Peru in 1982, to protect democracy, the rule of law, human rights, and to promote civil society participation in the countries of the Andean region.

The *Andean Commission of Jurists* is an independent nongovernmental organization that carries out projects with a view to improving respect for human rights, the strengthening of democratic institutions, enhancing the administration of justice, human rights legislation, the defense of democracy, the war on illegal drugs, respect for State constitutions, citizen security, public defense, and the promotion and defense of the rights of women and indigenous peoples, among others.

The *Andean Commission of Jurists* carries out its activities in four functional areas: human rights, modernization of the State, citizen participation, and international action in defense of democracy.

It operates with the support of international cooperation funding from the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA), the Netherlands, and projects financed by the Ford Foundation.

In addition, the Commission has had consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) since 1987, and it signed a cooperative agreement with the General Secretariat of the Organization of American States on December 28, 1983.

It submitted its application on July 14, 2003.

2. Name, address, and date of establishment:

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Director General: Diego García – Sayán
Date established: August 9, 1982

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

The *Andean Commission of Jurists* works to strengthen the rule of law and democratic institutions in order to promote effective respect for human rights in the Andean region. Its primary activities are:

- To seek to ensure respect for human rights in the Andean region by reinforcing the ability to promote, protect, and defend basic rights.
 - Strengthening of mechanisms for the ongoing protection of human rights
 - Promotion of gender equity
 - Defense and protection of the rights of indigenous and other vulnerable groups

- To contribute to the modernization of States in the Andean region through actions to improve and strengthen governmental systems for popular representation, and their legislative and judicial branches.
 - Strengthening of decentralization programs
 - Reform of political parties
 - Strengthening of legislative and judicial systems

- To promote effective citizen participation in the public sector of the Andean countries, in order to seek a balance in the relationship between the State and civil society.
 - Strengthening of mechanisms for political control and decision-making through citizen participation

- Strengthening of mechanisms to guarantee the exercise of freedom of expression and citizen control to fight against corruption.

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

The *Andean Commission of Jurists* feels that its participation in OAS activities could contribute to strengthening democratic institutions in the Andean region, through programs and projects for production and management of databases, and influence opinion in local, national, and international communities, and contribute to technical assistance, and training programs aimed at:

- Strengthening public democratic institutions and the defense of human rights
- Supporting systems for popular representation, especially political parties and legislative and judicial systems
- Promoting the exercise of freedom of expression, proper performance in public office, and civil society control mechanisms
- Analyzing, conducting research on, and promoting legal and juridical rules adopted by the Andean countries

5. OAS work areas to which the CSO can provide support:

The *Andean Commission of Jurists* offers to cooperate with the OAS in specific programs that seek to strengthen and defend democracy and human rights, in keeping with the Guidelines for Participation by Civil Society Organizations in OAS Activities [CP/RES. 759 (1217/99)]. The organization will support the work of the OAS in the following areas:

- Publicizing and promoting the Inter-American Democratic Charter of the OAS and the Andean Charter of Human Rights.
- Supporting follow-up of and attending to factors or situations that could imperil democratic stability, such as drug trafficking and corruption.
- Providing support for actions to prevent conflict in order to contribute to the consolidation of democracy.
- Provide support for efforts to engage in political dialogue with a view to conflict prevention.
- Provide support for efforts to promote and protect human rights, the institutional democratic framework and the rule of law.

6. Documents submitted to the OAS:

- Letter addressed to the Secretary General
- Articles of Incorporation, August 9, 1982
- 1982 Statutes
- Certificate of Incorporation, 1982
- Financial report 2002 – 2001, audited by KPMG Caipo
- Report on execution of the proposed Triennial Plan 2002