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

[Consejo Nacional para la Ética Pública (PROETICA)]

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION CONCERNING
THE *CONSEJO NACIONAL PARA LA ÉTICA PÚBLICA (PROETICA)*

This document was prepared by the Summits of the Americas Secretariat to provide information to member states of the Organization of American States on the civil society organization, *Consejo Nacional para la Ética Pública (PROETICA)*.

It contains the basic data and a list of supporting documentation submitted by *PROETICA* pursuant to resolution CP/RES.759 (1217/99) "Guidelines for Participation by Civil Society Organizations in OAS Activities."

1. Background

The *Consejo Nacional para la Ética Pública (PROETICA)* was established in May 2001 by the Association of Exporters [*Asociación de Exportadores (ADEX)*], the Andean Commission of Jurists [*Comisión Andina de Juristas (CAJ)*], the Press and Society Institute [*Instituto Prensa y Sociedad (IPYS)*] and the Civil Association Transparency [*Asociación Civil Transparencia*], to help combat corruption in Peru.

PROETICA's purpose is to scrutinize the handling of public affairs, while instilling within the citizenry a culture of respect for the law and the legal and institutional bases that prevent corruption. To that end, *PROETICA* and its member organizations participate in the effort to combat corruption by devising and implementing annual work programs that are responsive to the demands of society and the State.

PROETICA conducts its projects with the financial support it receives from international institutions and domestic businesses in the private sector. Among the international institutions that support *PROETICA*'s activities are the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA), the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), and the British Department for International Development.

PROETICA has its main headquarters in Lima, Peru. Its governing bodies are the General Assembly, the Directing Council and the Executive Board. In November 2002, *PROETICA* was accredited as the Peruvian chapter of Transparency International.

PROETICA applied for registration with the OAS on September 19, 2005.

2. Name, address and date established

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Activities launched: Early 2001
Date established: November 8, 2002

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

PROETICA works to strengthen the democratic system by serving as a watchdog of government affairs in the effort to combat corruption. In this way, it aims to achieve sustainable economic growth, with equity, respect for the laws and a culture of accountability that foster transparency in both public and private practices. To that end, *PROETICA* is active in the following areas:

- Strengthening democracy by combating and censuring corruption.
- Aiding economic development, evening out the imbalance in income distribution, and helping to fight poverty by effectively combating corruption.
- Promoting mechanisms of transparency, proper use of public resources, accountability and auditing of those resources.
- Legitimizing civil society's involvement in the discussion, examination, analysis and solution of problems in the life of the Nation.
- Promoting and disseminating ethics in public and private affairs in order to strengthen the State and relations with society as a whole.

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

The focus of *PROETICA*'s contributions and activities is basically to help consolidate democracy in Peru by fighting corruption. It does this by implementing strategies aimed at promoting public transparency, ethics and integrity, proper use of public resources, rendering of accounts and auditing. The following *PROETICA* activities may be of interest to the OAS:

- Preparation of polls of the public's perceptions of corruption, and reports on the government's campaign to fight corruption.
- Preparation of reports on officials and civil servants of the decentralized governments, wherein their performance of their public functions is evaluated.

- Design of regional transparency policies that serve to strengthen the regional systems of government.
- Implementation and dissemination of mechanisms for regional and municipal government accountability, such as publication of municipal accounts or monitoring of the State's public procurements.
- Preparation and implementation of programs to cultivate oversight and control skills, taking special care to involve children and youth in these efforts and in so doing instilling in them the values and principles that will be instrumental in preventing corrupt practices in the future.
- Implementation and monitoring of codes of ethics for public officials.
- Integrity pacts signed by public officials and private businesses or organizations.

5. OAS work areas to which PROETICA can provide support

PROETICA is offering to work with the OAS on programs specifically targeted at combating corruption, promoting transparency and public and private ethics. The following are areas in which *PROETICA* could provide support to the Organization.

- Disseminating and promoting implementation of the Inter-American Program of Cooperation to Fight Corruption.
- Disseminating and promoting the implementation of the recommendations of the Committee of Experts of the Follow-up Mechanism for the Implementation of the Inter-American Convention against Corruption (MESICIC).
- Collaborating with the member states of the OAS in sharing information, experiences and tools for preventing corruption.
- Supporting the work that the OAS Department of International Legal Affairs does with respect to implementation and follow-up of the commitments undertaken in the Inter-American Convention against Corruption.

6. Documents submitted to the OAS

- Letter addressed to the OAS Secretary General, dated September 19, 2005
- Bylaws
- Statute
- Annual report and financial statements
- Statement of the institutional mission