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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)]

[Instituto de Defensa Legal (IDL)]

ANALYSIS OF THE REQUEST BY
INSTITUTO DE DEFENSA LEGAL TO BE REGISTERED IN 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 (CSO) *Instituto de Defensa Legal* [Legal Defense Institute] (*IDL*).

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.” This document includes a summary and list of documentation presented by *Instituto de Defensa Legal* (*IDL*) in accordance with the aforementioned Guidelines.

1. Background

Instituto de Defensa Legal (*IDL*) is a nongovernmental organization founded on February 17, 1984, in Lima, Peru, to protect the human rights of the poor and promote the defense of democracy, and to monitor public policies on social inclusion, multiculturalism, transparency, and democratic governance.

IDL implements programs in specific thematic areas, including legal defense, which monitors the recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Committee (CVR), and defense of the rights of indigenous peoples; justice and military reform in the context of promoting democracy and a policy of defense; citizen security, monitoring policies for the prevention and resolution of social conflict; and governance, providing assistance in making the reparations recommended by the CVR.

IDL disseminates and contributes to activities carried out by the inter-American human rights system. It has submitted petitions to the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) and litigated several cases in the Inter-American Court of Human Rights. In 2011, *IDL* provided legal advice in at least four cases of human rights violations, including one in connection with violations of women’s human rights.

IDL has also prepared and disseminated technical reports on proceedings instituted in Peru and their impact on the justice system, giving three presentations in national settings on the IACHR report on the rights of indigenous peoples, with participation by the IACHR Secretary and indigenous authorities. It has also established partnerships with local civil society organizations, such as *Paz y Esperanza* and the *Asociación Nororiental de Desarrollo Social* (*ANDES*) in Amazonas, to promote awareness of the consultation rights of indigenous peoples. It has also disseminated information on women’s rights contained in the IACHR reports.

In 2011, *IDL* submitted a document with recommendations to the Special Working Group to Reflect on the Workings of the IACHR with a View to Strengthening the Inter-American Human Rights System of the Permanent Council of the OAS, in conjunction with 11 other CSOs, six of which are registered with the OAS, including the *Asociación Interamericana para la Defensa del Ambiente*, *Asociación por los Derechos Civiles* (*ADC*), *Centro de Derechos Humanos Miguel*

Agustín Pro Juárez, Centro de Estudios de Derecho, Justicia y Sociedad (Dejusticia), Coordinadora Nacional de Derechos Humanos, and Fundación para el Debido Proceso Legal (DPLF).

This year, *IDL* has carried out activities for political impact, such as support for presidential campaigns; held debates on the regulations to the law on prior consultation of indigenous peoples, and contributed to the new law on justices of the peace, for which *IDL* addressed both judicial authorities and the Justice Committee of the National Parliament. *IDL* also prepared and disseminated over 30 documents and opinion pieces in the press through its *Revista Ideele, Ideele Radio, and IDL-Reporteros*.

IDL finances its activities by providing legal defense and advice services and through projects funded by the Embassy of Belgium, the British Embassy, *Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ)*, the European Commission [it manages Diakonia, the *IDL* platform, the *Comisión Episcopal de Acción Social (CEAS)*, the *Asociación Pro Derechos Humanos (APRODEH)*, and the *Coordinadora Nacional de Derechos Humanos (CNDDHH)*], *Broederlijk Denle*, Christian Aid, the Ford Foundation, Peace Research Institute Frankfurt (PRIF), *Misereor*, the National Endowment for Democracy (NED), Open Society Institute (OSI), and Bread for the World.

IDL submitted its application for registration with the OAS on May 30, 2012.

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

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Director:	Ernesto de la Jara Basombrío
Date established:	February 17, de 1984

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

IDL promotes and protects human rights, democracy, and the rule of law, in Peru and elsewhere in Latin America and the Caribbean. The primary areas of activity and contributions of the organization that could be of interest to the OAS include:

- Promoting and protecting human rights and educational, social, political, and economic development of women and indigenous peoples by conducting debates and media campaigns in these areas;
- Impacting and monitoring the legislature and judiciary in Peru by conducting research and preparing opinion pieces on bills and cases before national and international legal bodies;
- Preparing and submitting reports to the IACHR on strengthening the inter-American human rights system, and providing legal representation in cases brought before the Inter-American Court of Human Rights;
- Strengthening democratic institutions and promoting access to justice, primarily by indigenous peoples, by providing training and participating in debates in this area; and by monitoring and promoting democratic reform of the system; and
- Strengthening the justice system and the rule of law in Peru by preparing reports on proceedings instituted, for presentation to judicial authorities and to the IACHR.

4. Identification of potential areas of collaboration with the OAS

IDL offers to collaborate with the OAS in the following areas:

- Offering information to the IACHR and the Inter-American Court of Human Rights on the situation of human rights in Peru;
- Offering recommendations to the Meeting of Ministers of Justice or Other Ministers or Attorneys General of the Americas (REMJA);
- Offering support for the activities of the Mechanism for Follow-Up on Implementation of the Inter-American Convention against Corruption (MESICIC), in coordination with the Department of Legal Cooperation of the Secretariat for Legal Affairs (SLA);
- Offering reports and studies to the Justice Studies Center of the Americas (JSCA) on the situation of the judicial system in Peru;
- Offering recommendations to the Working Group to Prepare a Draft Inter-American Convention Against Racism and all Forms of Discrimination and Intolerance of the Committee on Juridical and Political Affairs (CAJP) of the Permanent Council; and
- Promoting the work of the Inter-American Commission of Women (CIM) in protecting women's civil and political rights.

5. Documents submitted by the CSO to the OAS

- Letter to the OAS Secretary General dated May 30, 2012
- Articles of incorporation
- By-laws
- Institutional mission statement
- Project execution report for 2011
- Financial statements for 2011 (signed by Ernesto de la Jara Basombrío, Director, and Victor Uribe Flores, CPA)