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

(Save the Children)

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION CONCERNING SAVE THE CHILDREN (SC)

This document was prepared by the Office for the Summits Process to provide information on Save the Children. It contains the basic data and a list of supporting documentation submitted by this civil society organization (CSO) pursuant to the Guidelines for Participation by Civil Society Organizations in OAS Activities.

1. Background

Save the Children, formerly known as Rädde Barnen, is a non-profit organization founded in Sweden in 1919. It has approximately 90,000 members worldwide. Save the Children is headquartered in Stockholm, Sweden, with regional offices in the Middle East and North Africa, Central and East Africa, West Africa, Southern Africa, South East Asia and the Pacific, Central and Southern Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean, North America, and Europe. The regional office for Latin America and the Caribbean was established in Lima, Peru, in 1984, and works through member organizations, primarily with nongovernmental organizations in Argentina, Belize, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Mexico, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay, and Venezuela.

The purpose of Save the Children is to promote the human rights of children through the coordinated efforts of states, civil society, and the international community, by developing social mobilization and training programs for children. Each organization is funded by donations from its members.

International Save the Children Alliance has consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and with the Council of Europe. It is part of the coalition of NGOs active in the work of the inter-American human rights system.

Save the Children filed its application with the OAS on January 15, 2004.

2. Name, address, and date of establishment

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Legal representative: Peter Tamm

Date established: 1984

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

The main objective of Save the Children is to promote the human rights of children. To this end, it focuses on mobilizing public opinion, developing programs to support children in high-risk situations, and strengthening the capacity of civil society. Save the Children conducts its work in the following areas: child labor; physical, psychological, and sexual abuse; children separated from their families or lacking adequate family support; nondiscrimination; the right to education; the right to participate and be heard in the family, schools, society, and the media; children's human rights; sound policies in the best interests of children; and civil society as an advocate of children's rights.

Save the Children carries out the following activities:

- It provides information and shares knowledge from the conceptual and methodological points of view.
- It promotes the sustainability and effectiveness of social organizations, key players, projects, and programs related to children's rights.
- It promotes a gender focus and synergy in all projects of the social organizations affiliated with Save the Children.

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

Through its activities and programs in Latin America and the Caribbean, Save the Children carries out training, research, and cooperation programs among civil society and the private and public sectors to help improve the situation of children at risk through the:

- Production and dissemination in Nicaragua of a training manual incorporating children's rights and promoting children's participation and the use of tools like the Sphere project (minimum standards for disaster response) in the Emergency Preparedness Plan.
- Strengthening of the network of news agencies working for children's rights, headed by the News Agency for Children's Rights (ANDI) in Brazil.
- Establishment of the Ellen program in Central America, based on the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, for the purpose of combating gender discrimination.

- Training of civil society organizations in the promotion of participation by children in community programs.
- Cooperation with the Inter-American Children's Institute (IIN) in creating an instrument for supporting the preparation of reports to the Geneva Committee and its relationship with UNICEF/TACRO
- Joint training with the Center for Justice and International Law (CEJIL) on children's rights and the inter-American human rights system with a view to submitting cases of violations of children's rights to the Inter-American Court of Human Rights.

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

Save the Children would also like to work with the OAS on programs designed to strengthen and protect children's rights and pledges to support the Organization's work in the following areas:

- Provision of information and analysis to the Inter-American Children's Institute (IIN) on the status of children's rights in Latin America and the Caribbean.
- Support for the Office of Education, Science, and Technology and the Office for the Summits Process, by fostering the sharing of experiences among regional and social organizations (internships, training, materials, methodologies), pursuant to the mandates of the Summits of the Americas.
- Dissemination of information on resolutions, decisions, and conventions that have been adopted by the OAS and are related to the protection of human rights in the region.
- Continued promotion of increased recourse by social organizations and by networks and coalitions to the inter-American and the United Nations human rights systems.
- Continued promotion of opportunities allowing civil society and the state to meet to discuss children's rights, policies, and legal reform.

6. Documents submitted by the CSO

- Letter addressed to the Secretary General dated January 15, 2004
- Articles of Incorporation
- By-Laws
- Institutional Objectives
- Financial statements for 2003
- Annual report for 2003