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APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN OAS ACTIVITIES PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 6  
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IN OAS ACTIVITIES [CP/RES. 759 (1217/99)]

*[Sociedad Peruana de Derecho Ambiental]*

ANALYSIS OF FACTORS RELATING TO THE APPLICATION BY  
*SOCIEDAD PERUANA DE DERECHO AMBIENTAL* TO PARTICIPATE IN OAS ACTIVITIES

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) *Sociedad Peruana de Derecho Ambiental* [Peruvian Environmental Rights Society].

The information contained in this report is provided pursuant 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 *Sociedad Peruana de Derecho Ambiental* in accordance with the aforementioned Guidelines.

**1. Background**

A nonprofit organization, *Sociedad Peruana de Derecho Ambiental* was established in Lima, Peru, on February 27, 1987 to promote and defend the right to a healthy environment and to foster the sustainable use of natural resources. *Sociedad Peruana de Derecho Ambiental* promotes protection from environmental degradation, inappropriate use of natural resources, and the destruction of ecosystems in general.

The mission of *Sociedad Peruana de Derecho Ambiental* is to promote the incorporation of an environmental component into development policies in order to bring about a sustainable and equitable society; and to promote responsible citizenship, based on principles of ethics and respect for nature.

The activities undertaken by *Sociedad Peruana de Derecho Ambiental* revolve around six program areas, including: conservation, environmental policy and management, international affairs and biodiversity, defending the public interest, forestry, and research.

*Sociedad Peruana de Derecho Ambiental* finances its activities through contributions received from its projects, advisory services, publication sales, and training programs. It also receives contributions from several foundations and government entities, among them: United States Agency for International Development, Swiss Cooperation Fund, Andean Community, World Wildlife Fund, MacArthur Foundation, International Development Research Center (IDRC), and Moore II.

*Sociedad Peruana de Derecho Ambiental* submitted its request for registration with the OAS on July 10, 2007.

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

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Website: www.spda.org.pe  
Executive Director: Manuel Pulgar-Vidal Otálora  
Date established: February 27, 1987

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

The following activities of *Sociedad Peruana de Derecho Ambiental* bear some relation to the work of the OAS:

- Facilitating the decision-making process, with emphasis on the formulation and enforcement of laws and policies encompassing economic, social, and environmental elements;
- Defending the public interest to ensure the right of everyone to a healthy proper environment in which to live;
- Promoting environmental law as a discipline and vehicle for change in development approaches, through field work in education and training;
- Helping to strengthen clean production processes, taking into account sustainable development and dialogue involving communities, businesses, and state institutions;
- Promoting mechanisms for citizen participation in environmental management; and
- Supporting policies and legislation related to the protection and preservation of protected natural areas, and legal instruments to protect biodiversity and the traditional knowledge of indigenous peoples.

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

*Sociedad Peruana de Derecho Ambiental* is engaged in promoting environmental protection through education and training programs targeting local and international audiences. Contributions of *Sociedad Peruana de Derecho Ambiental* that could be of interest to the OAS revolve around:

- Developing conservation programs and projects to promote water and energy conservation and pollution prevention;

- Coordination with various government and private sector bodies both locally and internationally to come up with policies, management tools, training programs and initiatives to increase transparency in public office, environmental impact assessment, and international trade and environment;
- Conducting research, producing publications and other programs geared towards environmental impact assessment and international trade and environment, and promoting leadership in environment-related sectors and other interest groups;
- Support for Peru's Congress, Executive Branch, and Judiciary in designing and implementing initiatives for sustainable development and conservation and sustainable use of natural resources; and
- Promotion of legal tools and other mechanisms for citizen participation in monitoring local, regional, and national development processes.

**5. Identification of OAS work areas in which the CSO proposes to collaborate**

*Sociedad Peruana de Derecho Ambiental* is proposing to collaborate with the OAS in the following areas:

- Collaborating with the Department of Sustainable Development of the Executive Secretariat for Integral Development to strengthen the environmental management capacity through the dissemination of information and reports on natural resource management, renewable energy, biodiversity, and environmental laws and policies;
- Cooperating with the Inter-American Council for Integral Development (CIDI) in monitoring the Inter-American Program for Sustainable Development 2006-2009 (PIDS) of the Declaration of Santa Cruz +10 adopted at the First Meeting of Ministers and High-Level Authorities on Sustainable Development within the Framework of CIDI;
- Collaborating with the Inter-American Council for Integral Development (CIDI), especially on issues related to promoting environmental management best practices, rules and regulations, and formulating sustainable energy policies;
- Participating in the Summits of the Americas process and submitting recommendations through initiatives of the Summit of the Americas Secretariat; and
- Supporting the work of the Department of International Affairs of the Secretariat for External Relations in order to strengthen citizen participation mechanisms in policy formulation through its educational and training programs.

**6. Documents submitted by the CSO to the OAS**

- Letter addressed to the OAS Secretary General, dated July 10, 2007
- Articles of incorporation, February 27, 1987
- Statute
- Minutes of the Regular General Assembly of *Sociedad Peruana de Derecho Ambiental*, September 5, 2006
- Annual Report 2005-2006
- Financial Statements for 2005, 2006, 2008 (audited by Raquel Morales N., C.P.A.)