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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)]

(Mexican Commission for the Defense and Promotion of Human Rights AC)

ANALYSIS OF THE ELEMENTS RELATED TO THE PARTICIPATION OF THE MEXICAN COMMISSION FOR THE DEFENSE AND PROMOTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE ACREDITATION PROCESS OF CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS IN OAS ACTIVITIES

This document has been prepared by the Summit of the Americas Secretariat. Its purpose is to provide information on the *Mexican Commission for the Defense and Promotion of Human Rights AC (MCDPHR)*, under the framework of resolution CP/RES.759 "Guidelines for the Participation of Civil Society Organizations in OAS Activities". It contains the basic data and a list of supporting documentation submitted by *Mexican Commission for the Defense and Promotion of Human Rights AC (MCDPHR)*, pursuant to these guidelines.

1. Background:

The Mexican Commission for the Defense and Promotion of Human Rights AC (MCDPHR) is a Civil Partnership established as a non-governmental organization that promotes human rights culture in Mexico by defending the exercise and legal enforcement of human rights.

It submitted its application on August the 26th, 2002

2. Name, Address and Date of Establishment:

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Date established:	December 1 st , 1989

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

MCDPHR integrates five main areas of activity: communication, research and legislative proposals, denunciation (accusation), juridical attention, and education. By covering the above mentioned areas, MCDPHR aims to accomplish its main objectives which involve - in practice – exerting influence on how human rights law is developed and amended, promoting actions and information programs that raise awareness and respect for human rights in Mexico.

MCDPHR's activities that relate to those of the OAS are the defense of human rights through juridical attention, follow-up on claims of human rights abuses, research and legislative proposals. These areas coordinate their efforts through the General Director and are mostly related to the OAS's General Assembly:

- Summit of the Americas: in the area of claims of human rights abuses, the General Assembly as well as the Summit of the Americas constitute important lobbying fora in which MCDPHR may publicize its proposals and reports;
- Committee on Juridical and Political Affairs: MCDPHR's systematization and research work through written reports and presentations could bring useful inputs to the Committee on human rights, justice administration, international law, and democracy issues;
- Inter-American Council for Integral Development: MCDPHR's experience in economic, social and cultural rights promotion and defense while aiming to integrate civil and political rights could be useful in providing national information to the Council;
- Inter-American Juridical Committee: MCDPHR can provide information on obsolete laws and propose amendments. The Committee would be welcome to use such information as input for diagnosis of Inter-American legal systems;
- Inter-American Commission on Human Rights and Inter-American Court of Human Rights: with vast experience in the protection of human rights within the Inter-American system, MCDPHR encourages other institutions to work in the same direction;
- Inter-American Commission of Women: MCDPHR has been working extensively in the area of women's rights, participating in important cases and lobbying for resolutions as well as writing reports and providing information on such cases.

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

MCDPHR, with its commitment to matters such as the respect and promotion of human rights, the rule of law, promotion and consolidation of democracy and the promotion of economic, social and cultural development, could provide the OAS with reports in those areas.

MCDPHR's several propositions for human rights legal reforms could be very useful to the OAS.

5. Work areas of the organization to support OAS objectives:

MCDPHR would support ongoing activities of the OAS in the following areas:

- Defense and promotion of Human Rights
- Promotion and encouragement of participatory democracy
- International Law, mainly international humanitarian law, extradition, consulting

6. Documents submitted to the OAS:

- Statutes
- Institutional Mission Statement