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[Espolea A.C.]

ANALYSIS OF ELEMENTS FOR REGISTRATION BY *ESPOLEA A.C.* 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) *Espolea A.C.*

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 *Espolea A.C.* in accordance with the aforementioned Guidelines.

1. Background

Espolea A.C. is a nongovernmental organization established on November 28, 2006 to empower young people through projects to provide information and knowledge to promote human rights and produce active participation in public policy development at the national and international levels.

The projects undertaken by *Espolea A.C.* are aimed at young people and at individuals that craft public policies and focus on four areas: youth, gender, HIV/AIDS, and drugs. Regarding youth, as part of its *Discussion Guide* publication series, the organization issued the document *What is the Youth Perspective?* and participated in several conferences and forums, among them the one organized by the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) to create a youth development agenda in Mexico and the Third National Volunteers Fair through which it expanded its network for collaboration with organizations focused on youth.

In its gender activity, *Espolea A.C.* is engaged in promoting sexual and reproductive rights and in preventing violence against women. It has published three editions of the *Discussion Guide* series: *What is the Gender Perspective?*; *What are Masculinities?*; and *Where is Sexual Diversity Activism, and Where Is It Going?* It also organizes workshops for youth members of political parties and youth rights activists. *Introduction to Masculinity and Introduction to Gender Perspective*. As part of its efforts to raise awareness on the subject, it took part in 6 two-hour No-FM Radio broadcasts addressing gender issues; held a one-day virtual forum on gender violence, involving non-organized civil society, to convey their messages through photographs and text; participated in two online forums convened by *Women Deliver*; and developed content for a blog operated by the organization *Generando el Género*.

With respect to its HIV/AIDS work, *Espolea A.C.*'s activities revolve around strengthening cooperation networks and participation in national and international events to disseminate material created and knowledge gained. In collaboration with the *Global Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS*, it designed an online survey for the Regional Consultation by and for Positive Youth for Latin America and the Caribbean. It also organized awareness raising workshops on this issue and took part in workshops and conferences, notably presentations and panel discussions within the framework of the XIX International AIDS Conference (AIDS 2012); the VI Latin American and Caribbean Forum on HIV/AIDS and Sexually-Transmitted Diseases; and Regional Meetings of Positive Youth in Mexico and Panama. In terms of dissemination through the mass media, it

published the *Discussion Guide: Why Talk About HIV?* and participated in several radio spots to raise awareness and disseminate information on HIV through No-FM radio.

Espolea A.C.'s Drug and Damage Reduction Policy Program focuses on collection and dissemination of knowledge gained in order to provide young people with accurate information and to promote change in public policy on possession and consumption of psychoactive substances. It conducted workshops and participated in eight international conferences on drug policy-related issues. It has also published information documents on drugs, their consequences, and damage reduction: *Discussion Guide: Drug and Damage Reduction Policy*, and two publications in the series Youth Perspective on alcohol policy in Mexico and on therapeutic uses of plants classified as illegal drugs. Part of its strategy to disseminate information among young people included preparing informational brochures and posters on psychoactive substances; translating and subtitling international videos on drug control; producing, editing, translating, and subtitling a video on victims of the war on drug trafficking; participating in radio spots for No-FM radio discussing possible alternatives and policy changes in this respect; and creating content for the blog *Let's Talk about Drugs*.

Espolea A.C. carries out its activities through projects funded by the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS), Friedrich Ebert Stiftung Foundation, International AIDS Society, National Institutes of Health (NIH), and Open Society Foundation.

Espolea A.C. submitted its application to the OAS on January 22, 2013.

2. Name, address, and date of establishment of *Espolea A.C.*

Name of Organization: *Espolea A.C.*

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Website: www.espolea.org/

Executive Director: Aram Barra

Date of constitution: November 28, 2006

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

Espolea A.C. is engaged in disseminating information among young people to influence public policies and promote respect for human rights. The main areas of activity and contributions of the organization that could be of interest to the OAS include:

- Promoting youth participation in public policy formulation through academic events and the dissemination of information on human rights, drug addiction, and damage reduction;
- Promoting sexual and reproductive rights of women and the elimination of gender-based violence through the preparation of hard-copy and digital publications and advocacy before municipal, state, and national government agencies, in cooperation with other networks of civil society organizations; and
- Raising awareness about the rights of people living with HIV/AIDS through the publication of documents, audiovisual and digital material and the development of training programs to raise awareness among civil society, the private sector, and government.

4. Identification of potential areas of collaboration with the OAS

Espolea A.C. proposes to collaborate with the OAS in the following areas:

- Cooperating with the Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission (CICAD) on its projects related to the promotion of public policies on prevention and reduction of damage and consumption of psychoactive substances;
- Supporting the work of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) to promote and protect the human rights of persons living with HIV/AIDS;
- Providing information to the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) Rapporteurships on the Rights of Women and on Children's Rights concerning the rights of those groups in Mexico;
- Sharing best practices with the Inter-American Children's Institute (IIN) in promoting the participation of young people and adolescents in the process of public policy-making; and
- Providing the Inter-American Commission of Women (CIM) with information relating to the Mechanism to Follow up on Implementation of the Convention on the Prevention, Punishment, and Eradication of Violence against Women, "Convention of Belém do Pará."

5. Documents submitted by the CSO to the OAS

- Letter to the OAS Secretary General, dated January 22, 2013
- Articles of Incorporation
- Statutes
- Institutional mission statement
- 2012 Annual Activities Report
- Financial statements 2012 (signed by Yunuen Flores, Aram Barra, and Cecilia García as Legal Representatives of Espolea A.C.)