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IN OAS ACTIVITIES [CP/RES. 759 (1217/99)]

*[Fundación Arcoíris por el respeto a la diversidad sexual, A.C.
(Fundación Arcoíris A.C.)]*

ANALYSIS OF ELEMENTS FOR REGISTRATION BY *FUNDACIÓN ARCOÍRIS POR EL RESPETO A LA DIVERSIDAD SEXUAL*, A.C. TO PARTICIPATE IN OAS ACTIVITIES

This document was prepared by the Relations with Civil Society Section of the Secretariat for Access to Rights and Equity to provide information to the member states of the Organization of American States (OAS) on the civil society organization (CSO) *Fundación Arcoíris por el respeto a la diversidad sexual*, A.C. [Rainbow Foundation for Respect for Sexual Diversity] (*Fundación Arcoíris 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 the *Fundación Arcoíris por el respeto a la diversidad sexual*, A.C. (*Fundación Arcoíris A.C.*) in accordance with the aforementioned Guidelines.

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2. **Background**

Fundación Arcoíris por el respeto a la diversidad sexual, A.C. (*Fundación Arcoíris A.C.*) is a nonprofit organization established on April 16, 1998, in Mexico City, to influence strategic actors working to protect the rights of persons who have suffered discrimination based on their sexual orientation and/or gender identity, in order to achieve social justice and equity for them.

Fundación Arcoíris A.C. seeks to include sexual orientation and gender identity as elements for action and debate in intersectoral forums.

Fundación Arcoíris A.C. works in the following areas:

- Research: Producing teaching material, discrimination indicators, and diagnostic assessments of violations of the human rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, and intersex (LGBTI) persons. In addition, it organizes educational activities on current issues, such as migration by LGBTI persons and violence based on sexual orientation and gender identity (SOGI) in schools;
- Institutional impact: Formulating public policies and legislative modifications for effective social inclusion, equity, and intercultural citizenship;
- Dissemination: Through awareness campaigns and forums and public art exhibitions.

Fundación Arcoíris A.C. participates in dissemination networks that organize media campaigns, such as the Campaign against Racist Discourse; the joint virtual campaign *LasLesbianasResistimos*, the videos *¡Ya basta! Canal G* – part of the Music against Homophobia Festival; and Videos against Harassment based on SOGI. Since 2008, the organization has hosted the biennial Latin American Forum on Sexuality and Society.

Fundación Arcoíris A.C. finances its activities with resources from public sector organizations such as the National Institute for Social Development, the Secretariat for Rural Development and Equity for Communities, the Council for the Prevention and Elimination of

Discrimination in Mexico City (REDAC), the Mexico City Institute for Youth, the Embassy of the Netherlands, the Human Rights Commission of the Federal District (CDHDF), as well as from private organizations such as DAWN International Training, and from individual donations.

Fundación Arcoíris A.C. submitted its application for registration with the OAS on March 13, 2017.

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

Name of the organization:	<i>Fundación Arcoíris por el respeto a la diversidad sexual, A.C. (Fundación Arcoíris A.C.)</i>
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President:	Gloria Angélica Careaga Pérez
Date of establishment:	April 16, 1998

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

Fundación Arcoíris por el respeto a la diversidad sexual, A.C. works for better understanding of sexual orientation and gender identities by contributing to the design and implementation of public policies to promote social equity. The primary areas of activity and contributions of *Fundación Arcoíris A.C.* that could be of interest to the OAS include:

- Raising public awareness of respect for cultural diversity as well as respect among the citizenry through talks and public dialogue;
- Coordinating and implementing community services to address specific needs of the population suffering discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity;
- Conducting, promoting, and disseminating academic studies on sexual orientation and gender identity;
- Formulating public policies to foster social inclusion, reduce discrimination, and promote multiculturalism;
- Facilitating participation by civil society groups in the General Assembly of the Organization of American States (OAS), and in the Summits of the Americas and other forums held by the OAS.

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Fundación Arcoíris por el respeto a la diversidad sexual, A.C. offers to collaborate with the OAS in the following areas:

- Promoting the principles of the Inter-American Democratic Charter, particularly those related to the promotion of democracy and the protection of human rights in the region, through research and dissemination of academic studies on human rights violations associated with gender-based discrimination;
- Supporting efforts of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR), particularly those of the Rapporteurship on the Rights of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans and Intersex Persons (LGBTI), by providing diagnostic assessments and up-to-date studies on violations of the human rights of LGBTI persons in Mexico;
- Supporting the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) and, particularly, its Rapporteurship on the Rights of Migrants, by sharing findings on and analysis of discrimination and exclusion in medical care based on sexual orientation and gender expression or identity in Mexico;
- Supporting efforts of the Department of Social Inclusion (DSI) of the Secretariat for Access to Rights and Equity (SARE) to promote, raise awareness of, and provide training on the Inter-American Convention against All Forms of Discrimination and Intolerance by participating in scheduled activities and disseminating information on articles on protected rights and duties of the State;
- Participating with civil society in hemispheric debates and activities of the OAS, and transmitting recommendations to the OAS member states to serve as input for events such as the OAS General Assembly, meetings of the Permanent Council and its committees, and sessions of the IACHR, among others.

5. Documents submitted by the CSO to the OAS

- Letter addressed to the Secretary General of the OAS dated March 13, 2017
- Articles of incorporation
- By-laws
- Institutional mission and vision
- Activity report for 2016
- Financial statements for 2016