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

[Grupo de Información en Reproducción Elegida (GIRE)]

ANALYSIS OF THE REQUEST BY THE *GRUPO DE INFORMACIÓN EN REPRODUCCIÓN ELEGIDA (GIRE)* TO BE REGISTERED WITH THE OAS

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: *Grupo de Información en Reproducción Elegida* [Planned Reproduction Information Group] (*GIRE*).

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 *Grupo de Información en Reproducción Elegida (GIRE)* in accordance with the aforementioned guidelines.

1. Background

The *Grupo de Información en Reproducción Elegida (GIRE)* is a nonprofit organization established on April 3, 1992 in Mexico City, Mexico. *GIRE*’s objective is to provide social guidance on and to promote and defend women’s reproductive rights in the framework of human rights, as well as to provide charitable assistance services.

GIRE works in four main areas:

- Legal: *GIRE* develops legal strategies for respecting and ensuring reproductive rights in Mexico, through legal analysis and research, legal advice, analysis of legislative bills and public policies, public interest litigation, and ties with international networks.
- Communication: *GIRE* disseminates information and trains key players on matters related to reproductive rights. *GIRE* organizes press conferences and interviews and promotes the team’s participation in newspapers, local and national radio and television programs, blogs, Facebook, and Twitter.
- *GIRE* has a documents center and library that specializes in sexual and reproductive rights, with an emphasis on the legal and social status of abortion; the center offers free information services that enable access to different sources of knowledge and information.
- *GIRE* has an Institutional Development Office whose objective is to manage and enhance the organization’s financial, material, technological, and human resources.

In 2013, *GIRE* launched a series of reports, documentaries, and campaigns in support of women’s reproductive rights. Among the most significant is the report entitled “Omisión e Indiferencia: Derechos Reproductivos en México” [Omission and Indifference: Reproductive Rights in Mexico], which was used independently by government officials as they developed legislative bills.

In 2013, *GIRE* also launched an awareness-raising campaign on teen pregnancy in Mexico. The campaign includes a website with information on the current situation, three videos that include

statements from teenage girls who were pregnant, and a series of recommendations for reducing teen pregnancy in Mexico.

GIRE finances its activities with contributions from organizations such as the Ford Foundation; Sigrid Rausing Trust; the Embassy of the Netherlands in Mexico; MacArthur Foundation; Bergstrom Foundation; European Commission; Tides Foundation; Stewart R. Mott Foundation; Planned Parenthood Federation of America; Institute of International Education; Physicians for Reproductive Health; and the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM).

GIRE applied for registration with the OAS on August 18, 2014.

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

Name of the Organization: *Grupo de Información en Reproducción Elegida (GIRE)*

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Director: Regina Tamés Noriega

Date established: April 3, 1992

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

The *Grupo de Información en Reproducción Elegida (GIRE)* works for the defense and recognition of women's, girls', and adolescents' reproductive rights in Mexico. The main areas of activity and contributions of the CSO that may be of interest to the OAS include:

- Defense of human rights, especially the reproductive rights of women, adolescents, and girls, through the development of legal reforms and public policies that broaden and ensure access to reproductive health services and autonomy in reproductive freedom;
- Encouragement of respect for sexual and reproductive rights via awareness-raising campaigns developed with social leaders, the media, academic institutions, public servants, and civil society;

- Preparation of reports and publications on the autonomy and exercise of sexual and reproductive rights that focus on the legal and social status of abortion, in order to help eliminate violence against women; and
- The offering of training courses, legal advice, and psychological guidance for women in order to empower them and make it easier for them to exercise their reproductive rights.

4. Identification of potential areas of collaboration with the OAS

The *Grupo de Información en Reproducción Elegida (GIRE)* proposes to collaborate with the OAS in the following areas:

- Support for the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) and the Inter-American Commission of Women (CIM) with respect to disseminating and following up on women's rights pursuant to the Inter-American Convention on the Prevention, Punishment, and Eradication of Violence Against Women, "Convention of Belém do Pará;"
- Taking part in CIM meetings and providing recommendations having to do with eliminating all forms of discrimination and violence against women, especially in the case of violations of women's reproductive rights and reproductive health;
- Support the work of the Justice Studies Center of the Americas (CEJA) through the design and development of legal training courses on women's reproductive and human rights for the multiple operators in the justice systems of the countries of the Americas; and
- Participation in OAS activities and hemispheric debates open to civil society, and sending 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 IACHR sessions, among others.

5. Documents submitted by the CSO to the OAS

- Letter to the OAS Secretary General, dated August 18, 2014
- Articles of incorporation and bylaws
- Management report – 2013
- Institutional mission statement
- 2013 financial statements audited by Vergara Quintana & Cía., S.C.
- Sources of funding – 2013