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APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 6  
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ORGANIZATIONS IN OAS ACTIVITIES  
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[Mexican Institute of Christian Social Doctrine (IMDOSOC),  
Mexican Association for Social Promotion and Culture]

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION CONCERNING  
*MEXICAN INSTITUTE OF CHRISTIAN SOCIAL DOCTRINE (IMDOSOC),*  
*MEXICAN ASSOCIATION FOR SOCIAL PROMOTION AND CULTURE*

This document was prepared by the Office for the Summit Process to provide information on the *Mexican Institute of Christian Social Doctrine (IMDOSOC)*, *Mexican Association for Social Promotion and Culture*. It contains the basic data and a list of supporting documentation submitted by this civil society organization (CSO) pursuant to the Guidelines for Participation by Civil Society Organizations in OAS Activities.

1. Background

*IMDOSOC*, founded in 1983 in Mexico City (Mexico), is a not-for-profit organization that aims to promote human rights, freedom of conscience and religion, and citizen participation and economic solidarity.

*IMDOSOC* encourages the investigation, study, and teaching of topics that include human rights, gender and equality, social policy, labor issues, law and order, family matters, education, youth, migration, state reform, citizen participation, governance, social development, and freedom of conscience and religion. It also seeks to influence the formulation of public policies and the adoption of laws to combat poverty.

The organization funds its activities through the sale of publications and magazines. It carries out projects to encourage saving and popular credit through the Economic Solidarity Foundation, analyzes the economic, political, and social situation through the Center for Interdisciplinary Social Investigations, works with poor communities through the Leo XIII Foundation, and disseminates and provides training in social and religious topics through the Episcopal Lay Ministry Commission.

It submitted its application on August 11, 2004.

2. Name, address, and date of establishment

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Date established: 1983

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

The main aim of *IMDOSOC* is the promotion of human rights, freedom of conscience and religion, citizen participation and economic solidarity, and interdisciplinary research into social development topics.

*IMDOSOC*'s objectives are pursued through the publication of books and the distribution of audio and video recordings, and through the production and distribution of two magazines dealing with topics related to human rights, family relations, ethics, work, economics, politics, and society. At the same time, it offers seminars, courses, conferences, diploma courses, and masters' degrees in social doctrine in conjunction with the Pontifical University of Salamanca.

Since June 2003 *IMDOSOC* has carried out 129 activities, involving 8,852 participants; it has given training programs to people from Honduras, Costa Rica, Guatemala, and the south of the United States, and it has also pursued distance-learning efforts. Thus, *IMDOSOC* could contribute to the OAS in the following areas:

- Follow-up of the mandates of the Summits of the Americas, conduction of research, and implementation of education programs on fighting poverty, decent employment, economic cooperation, citizen participation, migration, gender equality, and the promotion of human rights.
- Participation at meetings of experts dealing with the promotion of tolerance and respect for human rights.
- Working in favor of legislation on popular economics, cooperatives, microenterprises, and the promotion of saving.

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

With the participation of *IMDOSOC* in OAS activities, the Institute could assist with promoting and disseminating information about respecting human rights, by means of the following:

- Organizing courses, workshops, seminars, and conferences to promote religious and ethnic tolerance and to allow communities to better integrate for the development of projects to improve their economic and social situations.
- Production of teaching materials and preparation of courses to be used to promote human rights and tolerance in schools and other centers of learning.

- Research into poverty and human rights in the Americas.
- Dissemination of information on OAS activities through its regular printed publications and its webpage.
- Participation at preparatory meetings for the Summits of the Americas dealing with issues of human rights, migration, work, and poverty.

5. OAS work areas to which the CSO can provide support

*IMDOSOC* offers to work with the OAS on specific programs that promote human rights, the equality of women, and respect for indigenous groups. The Institute will support the OAS's endeavors in the following areas:

- Supporting OAS bodies in their activities to combat the crime of trafficking in human lives, particularly women, adolescents, and children, and to promote corporate social responsibility in the Hemisphere.
- Cooperating with the Inter-American Children's Institute (IACI) in pursuing the strategic programs and products set out in its strategic plan and in implementing its Information Program (PIINFA) through the dissemination of data on children and families in the Americas.
- Encouraging debates about the situation of children and young people within the framework of the Summits of the Americas.
- Supporting the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) in preparing its reports on the human rights situations of indigenous people, women, and migrant workers.
- Helping the Inter-American Commission of Women (CIM) in preparing reports on domestic violence, trafficking in women, and sexual exploitation.
- Offering support for the electoral observations carried out by the Office for the Promotion of Democracy (OPD) of the OAS General Secretariat's Department of Political and Democratic Affairs.
- Cooperating in carrying out the 2002-2005 Strategic Plan for Partnership for Development of the Inter-American Council for Integral Development (CIDI) and the Inter-American Agency for Cooperation and Development (IACD), in the social development and creation of productive employment areas.
- Participating in the drug abuse prevention programs of the Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission (CICAD), by disseminating messages and offering talks and workshops.

6. Documents submitted by the CSO

- Letter addressed to the Secretary General of August 11, 2004
- Board's report, 2003–2004
- 2002 and 2003 statements of assets, liabilities, and net worth
- Notarized deed of incorporation
- Statutes
- Statement of ideas