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

[México Unido Pro Derechos Humanos, A.C.]

ANALYSIS OF FACTORS RELATING TO THE APPLICATION BY *MÉXICO UNIDO PRO DERECHOS HUMANOS, 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 *México Unido Pro Derechos Humanos, A.C.* (Mexico United for Human Rights).

The information contained in this report is provided pursuant to resolution CP/RES. 759 (1217/99), "Guidelines for the Participation of Civil Society Organizations in OAS Activities," and includes a summary and a list of data and documentation presented by *México Unido Pro Derechos Humanos, A.C.*, in accordance with the aforementioned Guidelines.

1. **Background**

México Unido Pro Derechos Humanos, A.C., is a non-profit organization founded on February 4, 1998, in Ciudad Nezahualcóyotl, Mexico, for the purpose of defending human rights and improving the health situation of at-risk or disadvantaged children, adolescents, and families.

México Unido Pro Derechos Humanos, A.C., works with a network of 10,000 member volunteers and 10 delegations in the states of Mexico and Veracruz to implement medical, social, legal, and nutritional aid programs in order to promote human and social development in needy areas, among people with low educational levels and families that are prey to violence, thus enhancing the human rights of the Mexican people.

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The OAS General Secretariat received the application from *México Unido Pro Derechos Humanos, A.C.*, on January 4, 2010.

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

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President and Legal Representative: Ricardo Valencia Rico
Date established: February 4, 1998

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

The primary areas of activity of *México Unido Pro Derechos Humanos, A.C.*, tie in with OAS activities in the following:

- Development of programs to make women, children, and youth aware of their rights and to promote social and economic development; and
- Provision of assistance to indigent families through comprehensive medical care and food and legal assistance programs designed to reduce child malnutrition rates and to improve living conditions.

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

Contributions made by *México Unido Pro Derechos Humanos, A.C.*, that can be of interest to the OAS include:

- Organization of workshops and therapeutic services for women and youth on human rights, gender equity, sexual and reproductive rights, domestic violence, self-esteem, and empowerment, with a view to improving participants' outlooks and changing their attitudes about their self-esteem, increasing their understanding of their rights, and enhancing their quality of life and relations with their families;
- Programs in technical training, productive organization, and marketing of backyard livestock, aquaculture, and floriculture operations to promote jobs and foster higher incomes for rural women;
- Training of young people living in the streets in such trades as masonry, carpentry, or plumbing, to enable them to enter the job market and increase their incomes; and
- Nutritional and medical advice to children and youth and provision of food and nutritional packets to infants.

5. Identification of the OAS work areas in which the CSO proposes to support ongoing activities or to make recommendations on the best way to achieve OAS objectives

México Unido Pro Derechos Humanos, A.C. would like to work with the OAS in the following areas:

- Collaboration with the Inter-American Children's Institute (IIN) in its efforts to enhance the rights and well-being of children and adolescents;
- Support for the work of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, in particular the Office of the Rapporteurship on the Rights of the Child and the Rapporteurship on the Rights of Women;
- Joint work with the Inter-American Commission of Women (CIM) to promote the rights of women;
- Promotion of the Early Childhood Development program of the Department of Human Development, Education, and Culture of the Executive Secretariat for Integral Development (SEDI); and
- Programs of the Department of Social Development of the Executive Secretariat for Integral Development (SEDI) to ensure increased opportunities for decent jobs and improve nutrition and access to health care.

6. Documents submitted by the CSO to the OAS

- Letter to the OAS Secretary General
- Articles of incorporation, February 4, 1998
- Statute
- Annual report 2008, 2009
- Financial statements 2008, 2009 [audited by Raúl Guerra Sierra, L.C.C. (2009) and by Candido Roberto Guerrero Chávez, C.P.C. (2008)]