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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)]

[Red Hemisférica de Parlamentario y Exparlamentarios por la Primera Infancia (RHPEPI)]

ANALYSIS OF THE REQUEST BY *FUNDACIÓN RED HEMISFÉRICA DE PARLAMENTARIO Y
EXPARLAMENTARIOS POR LA PRIMERA INFANCIA*
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 *Red Hemisférica de Parlamentario y Exparlamentarios por la Primera Infancia* [Hemispheric Network of Legislators and Former Legislators for Early Childhood (RHPEPI)].

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 *Red Hemisférica de Parlamentario y Exparlamentarios por la Primera Infancia* (RHPEPI) in accordance with the aforementioned Guidelines.

1. Background

The Hemispheric Network of Legislators and Former Legislators for Early Childhood (*RHPEPI*) is a not-for-profit organization that was established in Puebla, Mexico, on October 25, 2011. The RHPEPI was launched under the purview of the International Meeting of Legislators for Early Childhood, which was organized with support from the State Government of Puebla, the Mexican Government's Federal Secretariat for Education, the Organization of American States Office of Education and Culture, Bernard van Leer Foundation, and the Foundation for the Integral Development of Indigenous Peoples and Rural Communities.

The RHPEPI seeks to promote awareness and enforcement of the rights of young children through public policy geared towards long-term consolidation of a hemispheric commitment to comprehensive care for children in the Americas.

The organization has three legally-established national networks of lawmakers – in Brazil, Peru, and Mexico. In addition, delegates from 16 countries of the Hemisphere have taken part in international meetings organized by the RHPEPI.

The RHPEPI funds its activities through voluntary contributions made by legislators from Brazil, Mexico, and Peru, who are members of the Network, and with contributions from the Bernard van Leer Foundation.

RHPEPI submitted its application to the OAS on May 1, 2012.

2. Name, address, and date of establishment

Name of Organization: [Red Hemisférica de Parlamentario y Exparlamentarios por la Primera Infancia (RHPEPI)]

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Chairman: Alberto Anaya

Date established: October 25, 2011

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

The RHPEPI is engaged in integral development of young children by designing public policies that uphold the rights of children. The main areas of activity and contributions of the CSO that may be of interest to the OAS include:

- Preparing recommendations, proposals, and policies to help develop quality education in the Hemisphere by adopting balanced budgets to ensure that quality education and inclusive budgets are sustainable;
- Organizing international and local-level publications, forums, and seminars supporting promotion regarding the importance of primary education;
- Contributing to the total fulfillment of children by promoting development of their cognitive skills for them to become useful, proactive, and dynamic stakeholders; and
- Ensuring compliance with international agreements and hemispheric commitments undertaken with regard to comprehensive early childhood care.

4. Identification of potential areas of collaboration with the OAS

The RHPEPI proposes to support the OAS in the following areas:

- Support for the Inter-American Committee on Education (CIE) in its objective to strengthen the teaching profession in member countries through teacher training using publications, seminars, and forums; and participation in biannual meetings with ministers of education of the Americas;

- Assisting the Inter-American Committee on Social Development, of the Inter-American Council for Integral Development (CIDI), with the development of social programs reaffirming the importance of early childhood education as a key element for promoting democracy, integral development, and the fight against poverty, and
- Support for the work of the Inter-American Children's Institute (IIN) through implementation of public programs and policies geared towards comprehensive development of children;
- Support for Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) efforts to promote and protect respect for human rights.

5. Documents submitted by the CSO to the OAS

- Letter to the OAS Secretary General, dated May 1, 2012
- Mission statement
- Articles of Incorporation
- Certificate of approval of statutes
- 2013 Annual activities report
- 2012-2013 Financial Statements