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

[Unidos Lo Lograremos, A.C.]

ANALYSIS OF FACTORS RELATING TO THE APPLICATION BY UNIDOS LO LOGRAREMOS 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 (CSO) *Unidos Lo Lograremos*, *A.C.* (Together We Will Make It] of Mexico.

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 *Unidos Lo Lograremos*, *A.C.* in accordance with the aforementioned Guidelines.

1. Background

Unidos Lo Lograremos, A.C. is a nonprofit organization that was established in Monterrey, Mexico, on April 28, 1991, to promote integral development for persons with disabilities as well as their inclusion in society by promoting human rights in constitutions and in international declarations.

Unidos Lo Lograremos, A.C. is engaged in advocacy to improve the quality of life for persons with disabilities by devising and executing programs for training, labor integration, and access to information and to culture, sports, recreation, housing, and transportation. Activities undertaken by Unidos Lo Lograremos, A.C. are aimed at promoting human rights as a whole for persons with disabilities in conjunction with the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).

Unidos Lo Lograremos, A.C. finances its activities through membership dues and by conducting training programs and campaigns, as well as through contributions from businesses, government agencies, and foundations.

Unidos Lo Lograremos, A.C. submitted its request for registration with the OAS on September 25, 2008.

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

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Director: Erika Laveaga Date established: April 28, 1991

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

The following activities of *Unidos Lo Lograremos*, *A.C.* bear some relation to the work of the OAS:

- Promoting the rehabilitation of persons with disabilities;
- Generating, promoting, and developing programs to provide opportunity for persons
 with disabilities in the areas of health, education, labor, housing, communications,
 and recreation, for them to be integrated into society as active members of the
 community;
- Supporting and promoting employment for persons with disabilities and creating opportunities for vocational and technical training for them;
- Encouraging and developing community education programs aimed at promoting and protecting the rights of those with disabilities; and
- Supporting social and political participation by persons with disabilities.

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

In seeking to promote its areas of activity, *Unidos Lo Lograremos*, *A.C.* works in a variety of areas that could help the OAS fulfill its mission, including the following:

- Development and dissemination of disability information, advisory services, and training through academic and research projects as well as workshops on human rights and civic duties;
- Fundraising campaigns to implement and support disability programs and their stakeholders;
- Design and implementation of social and recreational programs to improve living conditions for persons with disabilities;
- Organizing individuals with disabilities as important social agents and civil society actors.

5. Identification of OAS work areas in which the CSO proposes to collaborate

Unidos Lo Lograremos, A.C. is committed to participating in and supporting the OAS' civil society activities and to undertaking the following activities:

Supporting the inter-American human rights system and the work of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) by disseminating information and promoting human rights;

- Promoting the implementation of the Inter-American Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Persons with Disabilities and the Program of Action for the Decade of the Americas for the Rights and Dignity of Persons with Disabilities (2006-2016);
- Cooperating with the Department of Democratic Sustainability of the Secretariat for Political Affairs by participating in activities to enhance and promote democratic values and supporting social and political participation by persons with disabilities;
 and
- Supporting the Department of International Affairs of the Secretariat for External Relations in strengthening mechanisms for citizen participation and supporting the Summits of the Americas Secretariat in the Summits of the Americas process.

6. **Documents submitted by the CSO to the OAS**

- Letter addressed to the OAS Secretary General, dated September 25, 2008
- Articles of incorporation, April 28, 1991
- Certification of approval of Statutes, April 17, 2007
- Annual Activities Report for 2008
- Financial Statements for 2008