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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)]

[CATHOLICS FOR THE RIGHT TO DECIDE - MEXICO]

ANALYSIS OF ELEMENTS FOR REGISTRATION BY *CATHOLICS FOR THE RIGHT TO DECIDE - MEXICO* TO PARTICIPATE IN OAS ACTIVITIES

This document was prepared by the Relations with Civil Society Section of the Secretariat for Access to Rights and Equity to provide information to the member states of the Organization of American States (OAS) on the civil society organization *Catholics for the Right to Decide - 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.” This document includes a summary and a list of data and documentation presented by *Catholics for the Right to Decide - Mexico* in accordance with the aforementioned Guidelines.

1. **Background**

Catholics for the Right to Decide - Mexico is a non-profit organization that was established in August 1994 with the objective of working to enable people to exercise their human rights, particularly those related to sexuality, human reproduction, and a life free of gender-based violence and discrimination, within a framework of social justice, intersectionality, and secularism.

The mission of *Catholics for the Right to Decide -Mexico*'s is to promote the secularity of the State, social justice, and cultural transformations from the perspective of progressive theology as well as incorporating an intersectional feminist approach.

Catholics for the Right to Decide - Mexico draws attention to and elevates the voices of believers who promote freedom of conscience and the recognition of moral capacity to make ethical decisions about life; promotes the implementation of public policies, and builds community by getting behind the transforming power of social organization.

Catholics for the Right to Decide A.C. -Mexico obtains its income through foreign donation agreements.

Catholics for the Right to Decide - Mexico submitted its application to the OAS on October 7, 2021.

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

Name of Organization:	<i>Católicas por el Derecho a Decidir A.C.- México (Catholics for the Right to Decide - Mexico)</i>
Address:	Ayuntamiento 85, Colonia Santa Catarina, Coyoacan, Mexico City
E-mail address:	contacto@cddmx.org
Website:	https://catolicasmexico.org
Co-Directors:	Paula Sanchez Mejorada Ibarra and Lola Maria Guerra

Date established: August 3, 1994

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

Catholics for the Right to Decide - Mexico works to defend sexual freedoms, desired motherhood, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, freedom from violence, State secularism, and religious pluralism.

4. Identification of potential areas of collaboration with the OAS

Catholics for the Right to Decide - Mexico proposes to support the OAS in the following areas:

Working with the Inter-American Commission of Women to defend the full exercise of women's sexualities and bodily autonomy and other diverse identities.

Contributing to the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights from an intersectional perspective with information from the field of promotion of sexual and reproductive health and rights, access to egalitarian health systems, eradication of discrimination against gender-diverse populations, and prevention of violence against women.

Contributing to the Department of Social Inclusion of SARE in the formulation of proposals, plans, programs and, recommendations to achieve systematic gender mainstreaming and intersectional analysis in the organs, agencies and entities of the inter-American system.

Following up on implementation of mandates of the Summits of the Americas and resolutions of the OAS General Assembly and Permanent Council; and

Promoting participation by civil society organizations in activities organized by the OAS, as well as registration of civil society organizations in the OAS roster.

5. Documents submitted by the CSO to the OAS

- Application letter to the Secretary General of the OAS
- Statute
- Articles of incorporation
- Activity report for 2020
- Institutional mission statement
- 2019 and 2020 financial statements

