

PERMANENT COUNCIL OF THE
ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES
COMMITTEE ON INTER-AMERICAN SUMMITS MANAGEMENT
AND CIVIL SOCIETY PARTICIPATION
IN OAS ACTIVITIES

OEA/Ser.G
CP/CISC-848/17
3 February 2017
Original: Spanish

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)]

[Center for Family & Human Rights – C-Fam]

ANALYSIS OF ELEMENTS FOR REGISTRATION BY THE CENTER FOR FAMILY & HUMAN RIGHTS (C-FAM) 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 Center for Family & Human Rights (C-Fam).

The information contained in this report is in response to resolution CP/RES. 759 (1217/99), “Guidelines for the Participation of Civil Society Organizations in OAS Activities.” This document includes a summary and list of documentation presented by the Center for Family & Human Rights (C-Fam) in accordance with the aforementioned Guidelines.

1. **Background**

The Center for Family & Human Rights (C-Fam) is a nonprofit organization established on August 11, 1997, in New York, under the name Catholic Family and Human Rights Institute, Inc.; it adopted its present name on February 3, 2014. Its aim is to safeguard international law by discrediting radical social policies at the United Nations and other international organizations.

C-Fam works to protect life and the family and to draw attention to the issue in keeping with the values of faithfulness to Church teachings, perseverance, professionalism, and the expression of truth.

C-Fam publishes research articles on matters that affect social policy at the international level, such as maternal health and development, and conducts discussions with diplomats, legislators, academics, and civil society organizations around the world.

C-Fam works in the following areas:

- Global health
- Human life
- Human rights and international law
- Marriage and family
- NGOs
- Population
- United Nations and its agencies

C-Fam has also conducted research on issues such as gender violence and health and well-being. It has produced reports on food-sector sustainability and public-sector social responsibility, as well as good-practice guidelines for social responsibility, family-school relations, etc.

C-Fam funds its work through contributions from organizations such as *Fundación Avina*, Oxfam-Novib, SOMO, OECD Watch, *Red Puentes Internacional*, Partners of America, ICCO, the IDB, Vital Voices, Europe Aid, *Corporación Domos*, *ICD: Instituto de comunicación y desarrollo de Uruguay*, Fairfood, *Consejo Federal de Inversiones*, and *Asociación Conciencia*; and through public

entities such as the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands, the National Ministry of Labor, the Ministry of Labor of the Province of Chubut, and the Government of the Autonomous City of Buenos Aires.

C-Fam submitted its application to register with the OAS on January 14, 2015.

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

Name of the organization: Center for Family & Human Rights (C-Fam)

Address: 805 Third Ave, #1440
New York, NY 10022

Telephone: (212) 754-5948

E-mail: lisa@c-fam.org; marianna@c-fam.org

Website: www.c-fam.org

President: Austin Ruse

Date of establishment: August 11, 1997

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

C-Fam seeks to safeguard international law by discrediting radical social policies at the United Nations and other international organizations. The primary areas of activity and contributions that could be of interest to the OAS include:

- Participation in forums at international organizations that work to apply international law in defense of human rights, the sovereignty of states, and human dignity;
- Conducting research on matters of international policy regarding maternal health and development;
- Influencing the development of government policy to protect fundamental human rights and the family;
- Promoting and supporting participation by similar civil society organizations in international forums to defend fundamental human rights and the family.

4. Identification of potential areas of collaboration with the OAS

C-Fam proposes to work with the OAS in the following areas:

- Supporting the Department of International Law of the Secretariat for Legal Affairs, especially its Network of Hemispheric Legal Cooperation in the Area of Family and Child Law, by exchanging reports and research articles on the matter;
- Participating in OAS hemispheric discussions and activities with civil society and issuing recommendations to OAS member states as contributions to events such as OAS General Assembly sessions, meetings of the Permanent Council and its committees, meetings of the Inter-American Commission of Women (CIM) and the IACHR, etc.

5. Documents submitted by the CSO to the OAS

- Letter addressed to the OAS Secretary General – January 14, 2015
- Institutional mission statement
- Articles of incorporation
- Statutes
- Financial statements, 2015
- 2016-2020 strategy