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APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 6 OF THE GUIDELINES FOR
PARTICIPATION BY CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS IN OAS ACTIVITIES
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(CULTURAL SURVIVAL, INC)

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION CONCERNING CULTURAL SURVIVAL, INC.

This document was prepared by the Secretariat for the Summit Process to provide information to member states of the Organization of American States on the civil society organization Cultural Survival, Inc.

It contains the basic data and a list of supporting documentation submitted by this civil society organization (CSO) pursuant to the Guidelines for Participation by Civil Society Organizations in OAS Activities.

I. Background

Cultural Survival, Inc., was established in 1972 to promote the human rights, voices, and visions of indigenous peoples and ethnic minorities throughout the world. The organization was founded by Maybury-Lewis, Evon Vogt, and Orlando Patterson, professors at Harvard University. Its headquarters were at Harvard's Peabody Museum. Cultural Survival, Inc., is an independent, nonprofit, nongovernmental organization that works to assist and support the world's indigenous peoples through research, analysis, and publications promoting quality of life for such peoples.

Cultural Survival, Inc., has carried out joint projects with the Ford Foundation and Harvard University; has performed indigenous case studies in Australia, Canada, Ecuador, and New Zealand; and, through educational projects and programs, has helped to establish strategies to benefit and protect indigenous peoples.

Part of the income of Cultural Survival, Inc., that makes it possible to fund its projects comes from the National Geographic Society, the Peace Development Fund, the Smithsonian Institution, the Swanee Hunt Family Foundation, and Harvard University, among other sources.

Cultural Survival, Inc., submitted its application on November 24, 2003.

II. Name, address, and date of establishment

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Date established: March 1, 1972, registered under category 501 (c) (3)
Legal Coordinator: Sandeep Kindo

III. Primary areas of activity and their relationship to OAS activities

The main purpose of Cultural Survival, Inc., is to promote the rights of the world's indigenous peoples, formally document the challenges facing indigenous populations, educate future generations on the customs and lives of indigenous peoples and their importance to the global community, and provide tools supporting their struggle for cultural survival. It focuses on:

- Preparing and issuing publications on cultural, economic, social, and political life in indigenous communities.
- Promoting human rights and sustainable development through educational programs in secondary schools.
- Cooperating with and supporting the various organizations that work for the rights, culture, and sustainable development of indigenous peoples.
- Promoting civil society participation in projects aimed at ensuring a better standard of living for indigenous peoples.

IV. Contributions by the CSO that could be of interest to the OAS

Cultural Survival, Inc., believes that its participation in OAS activities could promote the development of indigenous peoples, specifically in:

- Conducting research programs with students and professors connected with indigenous affairs at Harvard University, to call attention to and protect the world's indigenous cultures.
- Creating and designing educational programs that promote awareness and defense of human rights.
- Publishing and distributing the various case studies of indigenous communities of the Americas, Africa, Oceania, and Asia, offering an alternative view of the different impacts of indigenous communities on global issues.
- Conducting campaigns to defend and protect the rights of indigenous peoples.

V. OAS work areas to which the CSO can provide support

Cultural Survival, Inc., offers to work with the OAS to strengthen and contribute to specific programs that seek to protect the rights and culture of indigenous peoples.

Cultural Survival, Inc., is now conducting programs such as the "law initiative," the aim of which is to teach and promote the defense of the rights of indigenous peoples under international human rights law. Cultural Survival, Inc., also wishes to support the process leading to adoption of the American Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, which is under discussion and analysis by the Permanent Council.

The organization will support OAS activities in the following areas:

- Working with the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, especially under the "Law Initiative" project, to defend the rights of indigenous communities in the Hemisphere.
- Supporting and participating in the work of civil society and indigenous peoples to promote the American Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

VI. Documents submitted to the OAS

- Letter addressed to the Secretary General
- By-laws
- Certificate of incorporation, March 1, 1972
- Annual report for the 2001–2002 period, audited by Felly & Driscoll, P.C.