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# COMMITTEE ON INTER-AMERICAN SUMMITS MANAGEMENT AND CIVIL SOCIETY PARTICIPATION IN OAS ACTIVITIES

# 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)]

[Fundación Latinoamericanos Unidos]

## ANALYSIS OF ELEMENTS FOR REGISTRATION BY FUNDACIÓN LATINOAMERICANOS UNIDOS 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 the member states of the Organization of American States (OAS) with information on the civil society organization *Fundación Latinoamericanos Unidos* [Latin Americans United Foundation].

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 list documentation presented by *Fundación Latinoamericanos Unidos* in accordance with the aforementioned Guidelines.

#### 1. Background

Fundación Latinoamericanos Unidos is a nonprofit organization established on August 13, 2012 in Miami, Florida, United States. Its mission is to support and empower Latin Americans living in the United States and provide them the tools and assistance they need to improve their quality of life.

The Foundation's aim is to provide educational services and medical teams and promote culture and folklore through volunteerism by promoting unity among Latin Americans living in the United States.

Fundación Latinoamericanos Unidos seeks to network with other civil society and private sector organizations engaged in human rights, access to health, gender equality, and economic and social development, in order to support integral development for Latin Americans living in the United States.

Fundación Latinoamericanos Unidos collaborates with Latin American organizations in the United States through seminars, events, and community conferences, supporting local charities on volunteer activities and consults with public authorities, to create business opportunities and promote cultural diversity among Latin Americans.

Fundación Latinoamericanos Unidos finances its activities and participation in events through membership dues and private donations for every event.

It filed its application for registration with the OAS on February 20, 2015.

#### 2. Name, address, and date of establishment

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Website: www.fundacionlatinoamericanosunidos.org

President: Alba Lucía Vélez

Date established: August 13, 2012

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

Fundación Latinoamericanos Unidos supports and empowers Latin Americans living in the United States and provides them with the tools and assistance they need to improve their quality of life. The primary areas of activity and contributions by the NGO that could be of interest to the OAS include:

- Development of periodic campaigns and social service projects on human rights protection and integral development for the United States-based Latin American community;
- Putting in motion health brigades, seminars, and educational, cultural, and sports activities for the Latin American community, in order to foster integral development for their families and their community;
- Providing training, courses, workshops, seminars, and meetings for local civil society organizations engaged with the Latin American community with a view to contributing to institutional strengthening and to improve their capacity and promote partnerships within the Latin American community.

## 4. <u>Identification of potential areas of collaboration with the OAS</u>

Fundación Construir proposes to collaborate with the OAS in the following areas:

• Supporting the efforts of the Department of Human Development, Education and Employment of the Executive Secretariat for Integral Development (SEDI) by sharing information on education for Latin Americans living in the United States, which will serve as input for implementing resolution CIDI/RME/RES. 1/15 "Building an Inter-American Education Agenda: Education with Equity for Prosperity;"

- Contributing to the activities of the OAS Secretariat for Access to Rights and Equity
  to ensure individuals have access to human rights, and to support the programs of the
  Department of Social Inclusion through the sharing of information on the Latin
  American migrant community;
- Coordinating with the Department of Sustainable Development (Program 21) on activities, forums, and conferences for young people in communities, on social economic, political, and cultural issues, with a view to encouraging them to participate in decision-making by involving them in their nations' future; and
- Taking part in hemispheric debates on issues of interest to the Organization which
  are open to civil society and providing OAS member states with recommendations
  that may serve as input for events such as the OAS General Assembly, meetings of
  the Permanent Council, and ministerial meetings, as well as others.

## 5. <u>Documents submitted by the CSO to the OAS</u>

- Letter to the OAS Secretary General, dated February 20, 2015
- Articles of Incorporation
- Statutes
- Mission statement
- Annual Activities Report 2015
- 2015 Financial Statement
- Sources of funding, 2015