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

(Pan-American Development Foundation)

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION CONCERNING THE PARTICIPATION OF THE *PAN AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION* IN THE CONTEXT OF THE REGISTRATION OF CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS WISHING TO PARTICIPATE IN OAS ACTIVITIES.

This document was prepared by the Office for the Summit Process to provide information on the *Pan American Development Foundation*, pursuant to resolution CP/RES. 759 (1217/99) "Guidelines for the Participation of Civil Society Organizations in OAS Activities." The document contains the basic data and a list of supporting documentation presented by the *Pan American Development Foundation* in accordance with the aforementioned guidelines.

1. Background

The Pan American Development Foundation (PADF) was founded in 1962 through an agreement between the OAS and the private sector. The foundation is a non-profit organization with the goal of assisting the least advantaged people in Latin America and the Caribbean. PADF works with community-based organizations, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), municipal governments, and the private sector in order to implement projects to achieve this goal of assisting the people of the region. The four principal areas that it focuses on are: creating economic opportunities, promoting social progress, strengthening communities and civil society, and responding to natural disasters.

PADF works principally, but not exclusively, in Haiti, Jamaica, Dominican Republic, Mexico, Belize, Honduras, El Salvador, Colombia, Venezuela, Ecuador, Brazil, Peru, Bolivia, Uruguay, and Argentina. Some of its private sector partners include Chevron Texaco, Citigroup, Eastman Kodak, Kraft Corporation, and Unibank, S.A. Haiti. In addition, PADF works with the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation in Agriculture (IICA), the United Nations Development Program (UNDP), and the United Nations High Commission on Refugees (UNHCR), as well as several governments of the region. PADF has been active with some of these private and public organizations and others partners to bring disaster relief to affected people in the region following several natural disasters during of the summer of 2004.

The Pan American Development Foundation receives the majority of its funding in the form of grants from the U.S. Government through USAID and the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA). Other funding comes from grants from its corporate sponsors and individuals.

*PADF* submitted its application to the OAS on March 30, 2004.

2. Name, address, and contact information for PADF

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Date established: 1962

Executive director: John Sanbrailo

3. Primary areas of activity and their relation to OAS activities

The *Pan American Development Foundation* coordinates with private, public, and NGOs in projects to create economic opportunities, promote social progress initiatives, strengthen the capacity civil society groups, and mitigate the impact of natural disasters. In trying to achieve these objectives, *PADF* focuses on:

- Developing programs which facilitate micro-enterprise development, provide skills training, and improve infrastructure.
- Encouraging alternative development in agriculture so that farmers can make the transition from production of illicit to licit crops.
- Promoting the donation of medical equipment to health care facilities in Latin America and the Caribbean.
- Encouraging corporate investment in various social projects such as literacy programs, school reconstruction, and employment generation programs.
- Strengthening the capacity of existing NGOs to effectively carry out their goals with leadership training, assistance in strategic planning, and fundraise training.
- Coordinating the delivery of disaster relief materials to affected areas following the occurrence of natural disasters.

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

The *PADF* is involved in several activities and programs which relate to the types of efforts the OAS engages in. These efforts largely correspond to areas of social development and economic progress. The following aspects of *PADF*'s activities could be of interest to the OAS:

- Implementation of credit and assistance programs for micro-entrepreneurs, especially those displaced by violence (i.e. Colombia).
- Continuation of a program being carried out in conjunction with USAID which encourages voluntary eradication of coca production in exchange for alternative development and alternative income options.
- Donation of medical equipment as well as educational equipment and tools which would be otherwise unavailable to many areas.
- Encouragement of corporations and other private business to get involved in social programs such as: improving literacy, job training, financing the repair of schools, and the construction of community centers.
- Cooperation with NGOs to improve their organizational skills and financial management so that they can be more effective in their endeavors of addressing community problems.
- Implementation of the "Transnational Development Initiative: US Immigrants and Remittances for Development," a project that *PADF* is working on aimed at helping immigrant organizations in the US effectively use remittance money for social and economic development projects in Latin America and the Caribbean.

5. OAS work areas to which the CSO can provide support:

*PADF* could collaborate with the OAS in several work areas including the support of social and economic development programs, assisting in alternative development programs, and providing disaster relief.

Specifically, *PADF* could cooperate with the OAS in the following areas:

- Promoting private sector cooperation with the Trust for the Americas, and initiative being carried out by Inter-American Agency of Cooperation and Development (IACD) aimed at generating private sector support for its development programs.
- Cooperating with IACD's New Instruments for Fellowship and Training program, which aims to increase access to training opportunities and to expand access to knowledge through greater use of technology.
- Cooperating with alternative development programs conducted by Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission (CICAD), especially those in Colombia where *PADF* already has experience working with USAID on this issue
- Contributing to accelerated clearance at nations' ports after natural disasters in order to rapidly deliver disaster relief and supplies
- Supporting the efforts to decrease the cost of sending remittances to Latin America and the Caribbean, as pledged in the Declaration of Nuevo Leon at the Special Summit of the Americas in Monterrey, Mexico in January of 2004.

6. Documents submitted by PADF:

- Letter addressed to the Secretary General (dated March 30, 2004)
- Copy of certified agreement between the OAS and PADF (charter / constitution)
- List of Board of Directors
- Annual Report 2002
- Financial statements for 2002, audited by Raffa & Associates, P.C.