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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)]

[*AFIANZAR – Abogados por la República, A.C.*]

ANALYSIS OF FACTORS RELATING TO THE APPLICATION BY *AFIANZAR – ABOGADOS POR LA REPÚBLICA, A.C.*, TO PARTICIPATE IN OAS ACTIVITIES

This document was prepared by the Department of International Affairs/Secretariat for External Relations to provide information to the member states of the Organization of American States (OAS) on the civil society organization *AFIANZAR – Abogados por la República, A.C.*

The information contained herein is in response to resolution CP/RES. 759 (1217/99), “Guidelines for the Participation of Civil Society Organizations in OAS Activities,” and includes a summary and a list of data and documentation presented by *AFIANZAR – Abogados por la República, A.C.*, in accordance with the aforementioned Guidelines.

1. Background

AFIANZAR – Abogados por la República, A.C., is a nongovernmental organization established on March 4, 2010, in Buenos Aires, Argentina, with the mission of helping to strengthen democratic institutions, the rule of law, and the judicial system in Argentina.

The founders and directors of *AFIANZAR* are attorneys, academics, directors, and staff, with various specializations, of the Public College of Attorneys of the Federal Capital, the College of Attorneys of the City of Buenos Aires, the Panel of Judges for the Prosecution of Judges, Inspectors, and Defenders of the City of Buenos Aires, the Provisional Fund of Attorneys of the Federal Capital, the Ministry of Security of the Province of Buenos Aires, and the Office of the General Prosecutor of the Autonomous City of Buenos Aires.

AFIANZAR is a study center devoted to research and analysis of proposed legislation on the application of law, economics, finance, social sciences, and education, among other topics. It has published magazine and newspaper opinion pieces; presented findings to the Argentine legislative bodies on the law concerning the Council of Magistrates of the Argentine Judiciary, the proposed legislation on same-sex marriage, and the law on ethics in the performance of public functions; and issued communiqués on the ruling of the International Court of Justice in a matter between Argentina and Uruguay on the operation of a cellulose paste factory along the Uruguay River and on the performance of the Office of the Attorney General of Argentina.

AFIANZAR finances its activities through member quotas and through courses and conferences on law, economics, and the political organization of government, which are intended to improve the operation of the justice system and strengthen the rule of law and democratic values in Argentina.

AFIANZAR submitted its application to the OAS on August 18, 2010.

2. Name, address, and date of establishment

Name of organization: AFIANZAR – Abogados por la República, A.C.

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President: Esteban Carcavallo

Secretary General: Alejandro Borda

Date of establishment: March 4, 2010

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

AFIANZAR works to promote the rule of law and democratic governance in Argentina. Its primary areas of activities and contributions that could be of interest to the OAS include:

- Influencing and monitoring legislative and judicial bodies in Argentina through research, analysis, and opinion pieces on proposed legislation and cases before national and international bodies; and
- Strengthening democratic institutions and access to justice by conducting training and participating in debates and conferences on law, economics, and the political organization of government.

4. Identification of potential areas of collaboration with the OAS

AFIANZAR proposes to work with the OAS in the following areas:

- Promoting the principles of the OAS Charter and the Inter-American Democratic Charter;
- Presenting recommendations to the Committee on Juridical and Political Affairs (CAJP) of the Permanent Council on the administration of justice, international law, and racism and intolerance, through the Department of International Law of the Secretariat for Legal Affairs (SLA);

- Providing recommendations to the Meetings of Ministers of Justice or Other Ministers or Attorneys General of the Americas (REMJA) and to the Mechanism for Follow-up on the Implementation of the Inter-American Convention against Corruption (MESICIC), in collaboration with the Department of Legal Cooperation of the Secretariat for Legal Affairs (SLA);
- Providing information to the Inter-American Court of Human Rights and the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights on cases under the jurisdiction of the Court;
- Presenting recommendations to the Inter-American Juridical Committee on harmonizing the law of the states of the Hemisphere, with special emphasis on democracy and access to justice;
- Sharing reports and studies with the Justice Studies Center of the Americas (JSCA) on the status of the judicial system in Argentina;
- Working with the Department for Effective Public Management of the Secretariat for Political Affairs (SPA) in its programs aimed at strengthening democratic institutions and public-private alliances for the formulation of government policy;
- Cooperating with the Department of Democratic Sustainability and Special Missions (DDSSM) of the Secretariat for Political Affairs (SPA) in studying political processes and the political situation and identifying risks to democratic stability in the countries of the region; and
- Providing technical assistance to the Department of Public Security of the Secretariat for Multidimensional Security (SMS) in the promotion of government policy for citizen security in the Americas.

5. Documents submitted by the CSO to the OAS

- Letter to the OAS Secretary General, August 18, 2010
- Articles of incorporation
- Statutes
- Institutional mission statement
- Activity report for 2010
- Financial statements for 2010 (signed by Carlos Ignacio Guaia, Treasurer)