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SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS IN OAS ACTIVITIES [CP/RES. 759 (1217/99)]

[Asociación Pro-desarrollo de la Mujer y Medio Ambiente (APRODEMA)]

ANALYSIS OF THE ELEMENTS RELATED TO THE APPLICATION BY
ASOCIACIÓN PRO-DESARROLLO DE LA MUJER Y MEDIO AMBIENTE (APRODEMA)
TO PARTICIPATE IN OAS ACTIVITIES

This document was prepared by the Summits of the Americas Secretariat to provide Member States of the Organization of American States (OAS) with information on the civil society organization (CSO) *Asociación Pro-desarrollo de la Mujer y Medio Ambiente (APRODEMA)*.

The information contained in this report responds to resolution CP/RES. 759 (1217/99), "Guidelines for the Participation of Civil Society Organizations in OAS Activities." This document contains a summary and a list of supporting documentation presented by *Asociación Pro-desarrollo de la Mujer y Medio Ambiente (APRODEMA)* in accordance with the aforementioned Guidelines.

1. Background

Asociación Pro-desarrollo de la Mujer y Medio Ambiente (APRODEMA) is a non-profit association founded in December 1994 in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic with the objective of improving the living standards and promoting and defending the human rights of Dominicans of Haitian ancestry, migrants, and impoverished populations.

APRODEMA offers educational programs, technical work training, and community development training through its workshops. It seeks to protect human rights while preventing racial and gender discrimination against women of Haitian descent. Additionally, *APRODEMA* sponsors activities related to environmental awareness, sanitation, and HIV/AIDS education and prevention programs.

APRODEMA's activities take place in the agricultural plantations of the Monte Plata province, communities near the Haitian border, and marginal neighborhoods of Eastern Santo Domingo. *APRODEMA* belongs to networks of civil society organizations, such as Red de Encuentro Dominicano-Haitiano Jacques Viau, Red Regional de Organizaciones Civiles para las Migraciones, and Conferencia Regional para la Migración.

APRODEMA receives its funding from local and international non-governmental organizations and has implemented some projects with the support of the International Organization for Migration (IOM) and through the contributions of its individual members.

APRODEMA submitted its application on May 10, 2006.

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

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Date established: December 1994

3. Primary areas of activity of the CSO and their relationship to OAS activities

The main objectives of *APRODEMA* are to promote the human rights of Haitian migrants in the Dominican Republic and implement development projects to improve their quality of life. Its activities are related to those of the OAS in the following areas:

- Foster dialogue among civil society organizations in the development and support of activities related to the promotion and defense of human rights;
- Cooperate with similar civil society organizations to offer judicial assistance and to document and denounce violations of human rights;
- Contribute to the improvement of the quality of life for migrants through targeted development projects carried out with similar civil society organizations;
- Develop health programs that work to prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS;
- Provide humanitarian assistance, and subsequent recovery assistance, to victims of natural disasters.

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

APRODEMA carries out its activities through education/training programs, collaboration with partner civil society organizations, and material donations to vulnerable communities. In this regard, the following activities that this organization carries out may be of interest to the OAS:

- Create and implement development projects that work to improve the quality of life in marginal communities, including school construction projects;
- Form alliances that unite organizations and individuals interested in improving the quality of life of Haitian communities and create linkages between related human rights groups, especially those that deal with migrant rights;

- Raise awareness regarding human rights within Haitian migrant communities and educate individuals about human rights through workshops and forums;
- Broaden access to health care and health promotion services, among other social services, with a particular focus on the most vulnerable segments of society.

5. Identification of the OAS work areas in which the CSO proposes to support ongoing activities or to make recommendations on the best way to achieve OAS objectives

APRODEMA's programs to promote and defend human rights, along with its development programs, have common characteristics with various OAS objectives. In particular, *APRODEMA* can assist the organs, agencies, and entities of the Organization in the following ways:

- Contribute to, support, and disseminate the work of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR), in particular the Special Rapporteur on Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families, as well as the Inter-American Program for the Promotion and Protection of the Human Rights of Migrants, Including Migrant Workers and Their Families;
- Monitor the implementation of the Declaration of Mar del Plata with respect to full protection of migrant human rights and labor laws regardless of immigration status;
- Foster recognition of the importance of the Summits of the Americas and their mandates among civil society, in particular mandates related to migrant and women's rights;
- Disseminate Inter-American human rights instruments including the American Convention on Human Rights and the Inter-American Democratic Charter;
- Contribute to the efforts of the Working Group to Prepare a Draft Inter-American Convention against Racism and All Forms of Discrimination and Intolerance and monitor the eventual implementation of this Convention;
- Support the work of the Inter-American Commission of Women (CIM) in ensuring recognition of the civil and political rights of women and promoting gender equality.

6. Documents submitted by the CSO to the OAS

- Letter addressed to the Secretary General dated 10 May 2006
- Organizational charter dated 10 January, 1998
- Bylaws dated 10 January, 1998
- 2005 Annual Report
- Institutional Mission statement
- Financial Statement Jan-Dec 2005 (Audited by Florian, de la Cruz, & Asociados)