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# Consultation with Civil Society Organizations on the Possible Development of a

# Model Law 2.0 on Access to Public Information

# Objective of the Consultation

The General Assembly of the OAS, highest organ of the organization, at its last regular session adopted a resolution [“Strengthening Democracy,” AG/RES. 2905 (XLVII-O/17), paragraph ix] in which it requested the Department of International Law (DIL) of the Secretariat for Legal Affairs, in consultation with the focal points for the Inter-American Program on Access to Public Information of the member states and **taking into account contributions from civil society**, to identify thematic areas in which it considers it necessary to update or broaden the Model Inter-American Law on Access to Public Information (Model Law) and to forward its findings to the Inter-American Juridical Committee to develop.

In implementation of this mandate, the DIL has prepared this survey to compile the input contributed by the focal points for the Inter-American Program on Access to Public Information of the member states, the entities guaranteeing access to information of the member states, and **civil society**.

The DIL invites civil society organizations to participate in this consultative process. Please complete the survey and forward it to [DIL@oas.org](mailto:DIL@oas.org?subject=Consultation%20with%20Civil%20Society%20Organizations%20) before November 10.

## Thematic areas that a Model Law 2.0 might include

### Please mark the **three thematic areas** that in your view should be further developed in a new model law on access to public information. Use a scale of 1 to 3 to indicate your preference, **1** being the **priority area** and **3** being the **least** important area. Please feel free to add other thematic areas not listed below.

Publication schemes \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Document management1\_\_\_\_\_  Key information \_\_\_\_\_

Regime of exceptions \_\_\_\_\_  Information officers \_\_\_\_\_  Information commission2 \_\_\_\_\_

Parties required to make information available pursuant to the provisions of this Law \_\_\_\_\_\_

Internal and external appeal \_\_\_\_\_  Public information in a political party context \_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Criminal and civil responsibility of the public official \_\_\_\_\_

Public information in the context of the courts \_\_\_\_\_\_  Training \_\_\_

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| Other thematic areas. Please briefly indicate their scope, as well as a preference rating (on a scale of 1 to 3). |
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Could you cite and, if possible, provide material that might serve as input for a future process to update the Model Law?

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| Yes|  No  If yes, please indicate below and, if possible, attach it to this form. |
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According to the International Council on Archives, records management is the "field of management responsible for efficiency and economy in the creation, maintenance, use, and disposition of records.”

2 The guarantor entity, regardless of its organizational structure.

## Strategic actors

### Do you think any other government institution or institutions, civil society organization, or national expert should participate in the process of developing a Model Law 2.0? If yes, please indicate:

Name of the organization: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Name of the contact official/expert: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Reason why you think that he/she should be invited to join this process \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE USE ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF YOU CONSIDER IT NECESSARY

## Additional information

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| Please add any observation or comment you consider useful, including suggestions as feedback for this consultation process. |
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### If we have questions or would like to obtain additional information regarding your replies, could someone from our Department contact you?

Yes |  No

Thank you very much for your time in replying to this survey.

Your input is greatly appreciated.