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CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

Activity Location : LAC Regional

Title : Regional Mechanisms to Promote Justice and Human Rights

SO Number : 598-005

Funding : \$14,000,000

Life of Project : FY 2003 - 2007

IEE Prepared by : Anu Rajaraman, LAC/RSD

Recommended Threshold Decision : Categorical Exclusion

Bureau Threshold Decision : Concur with Recommendation

Comments: Pursuant to 22 CFR 216.2(c)(2)(i) and (iii), a **Categorical Exclusion** is requested for activities under this SO, which involve education, training, capacity building, analyses, studies, academic and research workshops and meetings that will not have an impact on the environment. No construction activities are anticipated.

Date _____
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Project Description: The recently approved amendment to the LAC Regional Strategic Plan extended the funding period through FY 2006 and implementation through FY 2007. The goal of the LAC Regional Justice and Human Rights Portfolio (IR 5.1: Strengthened Regional Mechanisms to Promote Human Rights and Rule of Law) is to help promote citizen security, equal protection and treatment of all persons before the law and greater effectiveness and reliability of judicial processes in countries in the LAC region.

II. Statement of Categorical Exclusion: This project qualifies for a Categorical Exclusion under 22 CFR 216.2, (c)(2)(i), which exempts “education, technical assistance or training programs except to the extent such programs include activities directly affecting the environment (such as the construction of new facilities),” and (iii), which exempts “analyses, studies, academic or research workshops and meetings,” as activities generally excluded from further environmental review.

III. Recommendation: Based on the above, it is recommended that you approve a Categorical Exclusion.

_____ Date _____
Steve Hendrix, LAC/RSD

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