



## Special Rules for Non-Governmental Organizations Not Domiciled in Venezuela

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The Ministry of the Popular Power for Interior, Justice and Peace and the Ministry of Popular Power of Foreign Affairs issued Joint Resolution No. 082 establishing the Special Rules for the Recognition and Operation of Non-Governmental Organizations Not Domiciled in Venezuela. This instrument establishes the special rules, exclusively applicable to non-governmental organizations (NGOs) not domiciled in Venezuela, that carry out or intend to carry out nonprofit activities in the country through headquarters located in the national territory or its legal representation. This resolution seeks to regulate activities that several international NGOs have been carrying out to address the difficult health, food, and migratory crisis that the country is going through.

Non-governmental organizations not domiciled (NDNGOs) may carry out their activities in Venezuela provided that they 1) obtain the corresponding certification of registration in the Special Automated Registry of Non-Domiciled Non-Governmental Organizations (REGONG), and 2) have a permanent establishment, headquarters or fixed base, or that they designate a legal representative. The registration will be automated and will be available online through the information systems of the Ministry of Popular Power of Foreign Affairs.

The registration process will consist of two phases:

1. The Office for Multilateral Issues and Integration will be in charge of checking the background of the NDNGO.
2. The Legal Consultancy of the Ministry of Popular Power of Foreign Affairs will be in charge of the revision and verification of the legality of the documents consigned by the organization, as well as the granting of the certificate of registration.

The interested party will be notified of the registration by an electronic certificate, which must include online verification mechanisms. The validity will be for one year and can be extended. REGONG will make available to interested parties substantial information of public interest with regard to the NDNGOs, while safeguarding information that may be sensitive for the normal functioning of the organization.

NDNGOs should keep the provided information up to date. The Legal Consultancy may verify the authenticity of the information provided at any time. The Legal Consultancy may require certain information or make visits to the headquarters or to the address of the organization's legal representative in the country, whenever it deems necessary.



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