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SUBJECT: ECUADO	ORIAN-AMERICAN CHAMBER	OF COMMERCE OF PALM TE NAME – <u>MUST INCL</u>	
Enclosed are an origi	inal and one (1) copy of the art	icles of incorporation and	a check for:
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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

In Compliance with Chapter 617, F.S., (Not for Profit)

ARTICLE I NAME

The name of the corporation shall be:

ECUADORIAN-AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, INC

ARTICLE II PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The principal place of business of this corporation shall be:

1897 Palm Beach Lakes Blvd., Suite 223 WEST PALM BEACH FL 33409

The principal mailing address of this corporation shall be:

PO BOX 20141 WEST PALM BEACH FL 33416

ARTICLE III PURPOSE

The purpose for which the corporation is organized is:

- (a) To promote the spirit of brotherhood among members, maintain and encourage the principles of democratic government, free enterprise system and individual rights, as well as to facilitate mutual understanding and good will among the membership and individuals of good standing.
- (b) To promote and strengthen the relationships between Ecuador, Latin America and the United States in the areas of investments, commerce, tourism and cultural interchange.
- (c) To encourage, maintain and promote contributions to the development, advancement, protection and cooperation in research, in the fields of economics, knowledge and practices applied to the general need and problems experienced by the membership.
- (d) To provide help, means and assistance to the fellow members, including donations and contributions to said members and to qualified non-profit organizations.
- (e) To establish relationships with public officials, departments and governmental agencies in order to represent the Chamber before them and to participate in civic undertaking, promoting the advancement and betterment of the community.
- (f) To carry out welfare and assistance programs with the membership when the Board of Directors considers it appropriate.
- (g) To keep the members informed on economic, social and legal issues of general interest.
- (h) To promote awareness and understanding of the public as to the special traditions, art, values and culture of the people of Latin America;
- (i) To promote the Latin Folklore in all its diversity and expressions; to present public performances, exhibitions, artists and performing arts groups from Latin America and elsewhere, which represent the great traditions of culture and artistic expression in all countries in Latin America sharing similar cultures:
- (j) To sponsor cultural exchanges, seminars, workshops, lectures, and other opportunities for study and learning about the language, literature, history, culture and arts of Latin America;
- (k) To receive assistance, money (as grants or otherwise), real or personal property and any other form of contributions, gifts, bequest or devise from any person, firm or corporation, to be utilized in the furtherance of the objects and purposes of this Chamber; to enter into agreements or contracts for contributions to the Chamber for its objects and purposes.

- (l) To initiate, acquire and/or develop any lawful activity, for the purpose of generating and producing income for the benefit of the Chamber.
- (m) To receive, buy, exchange, contract for, lease and in any and all other way acquire, hold and own, and to deal in, sell, mortgage, lease or otherwise dispose of real and other property, and rights and interest in and to real and other property, and to manage, operate, maintain, cultivate improve and develop the same; and
- (n) To have and exercise all powers conferred by the laws of Florida upon non-profit corporations, provided, however, that the corporation will operate exclusively for such charitable and educational purpose as will qualify it as an exempt organization under Internal Revenue Code Section 50l(c)(3).

ARTICLE IV MANNER OF ELECTION

The manner in which the directors are elected or appointed:

The affairs and business of the corporation shall be managed and conducted by the Board of Directors, which shall never be less than three (3) and no more than twenty (20). The Directors shall be elected to office in such manner and for such term and shall have the powers and duties as are specified in the By-laws. Vacancies on the Board of Directors caused by death, resignation, removal or otherwise shall be filled in the manner provided for in the By-laws. A quorum of the Board of Directors for the transaction of business shall consist of three Directors unless the By-laws otherwise specify. Upon the termination of his period of service, the first president and founder of the Chamber shall be automatically appointed a lifetime Chairman of the Chamber and the subsequent presidents shall be appointed Governor of the Chamber. Two or more ex-presidents shall form the Board of Governors, which shall exercise ceremonial duties and shall act as an advisory body to the President in all matters. Such Board of Governors shall take temporary control of the Chamber if the President resigns or is removed, and will appoint a new President until new elections are called upon.

ARTICLE V INITIAL DIRECTORS AND/OR OFFICERS

List name(s), address(es) and specific title(s):

MARCO ANTONIO MOLINA

PRESIDENT

1464 Lake Breeze Dr., Wellington FL 33414

EDGAR DURAN VICE-PRESIDENT

4535 Brady Lane, Palm Beach Gardens FL 33418

TANIA ELLIS GENERAL SECRETARY

1017 Green Pine Blvd., West Palm Beach FL 33409

LAUTARO ZAPATA TREASURER

11821 Donlin Dr., Wellington FL 33414

JOSE REINOSO AUDITOR

2722 James River Rd., West Palm Beach FL 33411

FELIPE BARRIGA DIRECTOR OF MEMBERSHIP

311 Foresta Terrace, West Palm Beach FL 33415

ARTICLE VI MEMBERSHIP

Chamber membership is open to any person of legal age involved in the business industry, management of government or private entities, the professions, the arts, and other occupations. In addition, membership is open to companies engaged in similar activities, in which case they must appoint a representative to the chamber. Types of membership, benefits, obligations and duties of the

members and other provisions not enunciated in these articles, shall be specified in the By-laws, with the provision that the Founders, those members who initially organized the corporation, legally establishing the Chamber and whose names appear on the incorporation registry as Initial Directors and /or Officers, will be kept permanently on the list of members unless they voluntary request to be removed.

ARTICLE VII

The corporation shall have all the powers granted to non-profit corporations under Title 617 of the Florida Revised Statutes. Subject to such limitations as are prescribed by law, the corporation will exercise such powers which may be necessary or incidental to the attainment of the purposes of the corporation and as may be exercised by an organization exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and its Regulations, as amended, and by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of such Code and Regulations, as amended.

ARTICLE VIII

In furtherance and not in limitation of the powers conferred upon the Board of Directors by law, the Board of Directors shall have power to make, alter, adopt, amend and repeal, from time to time, the By-laws of the corporation.

ARTICLE IX

In the event of the liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the corporation, whether voluntary, involuntary or by operation of law, except as may otherwise be provided by law, any assets remaining after payment of or reasonable provisions for its then existing liabilities and commitments, shall be distributed exclusively for the purpose of the corporation, in such manner as the Board of Directors may determine, to or the benefit of such organizations devoted to the support of the cultural arts as shall then qualify as an exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

ARTICLE X INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT AND STREET ADDRESS

The <u>name and Florida street address</u> (P.O. Box NOT acceptable) of the registered agent is:

MARCO ANTONIO MOLINA 1464 Lake Breeze Dr., Wellington FL 33414

ARTICLE XI INCORPORATOR

The <u>name and address</u> of the Incorporator is:

MARCO ANTONIO MOLINA 1464 Lake Breeze Dr., Wellington FL 33414 Signature/Incorporator

3/15/2010