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Florida Department of State Division of Corporations P.O. Box 6327 Tallahassee, FL 32314

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Re: Center for Democratic Participation, Inc.

Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed is an original and a copy of the Articles of Incorporation of Center for Democratic Participation, Inc., a nonprofit corporation, along with the filing fee of \$78.75.

If you have any questions, please call me at (305) 379-5574.

Very truly yours

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# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF CENTER FOR DEMOCRATIC PARTICIPATION, INC.

The undersigned, for the purpose of forming a Nonprofit Corporation under Florida Statutes Chapter 617, do hereby make and adopt the following Articles of Incorporation.

### ARTICLE I NAME

The name of the proposed Corporation is:

Center for Democratic Participation, Inc.

### ARTICLE II NOT FOR PROFIT

The Corporation is a Nonprofit Corporation under the laws of the State of Florida. The Corporation is not formed for pecuniary profit. No part of the income or assets of the Corporation is distributable to or for the benefit of its Members, Directors or Officers, except to the extent permissible under the law.

## ARTICLE III DURATION

The duration (term) of the Corporation is perpetual.

### ARTICLE IV PURPOSES

The Corporation is organized for and shall be operated exclusively for the following:

- 1. To promote the education and development of fundamental ideas of freedom and democracy based on the concept of participatory democracy.
- (a) To conduct and develop seminars, conferences, publications, reunions, discussions and cultural contacts are the means to accomplish the objectives of the Corporation
- (b) These activities will take place in any country with no exclusions, but with a particular emphasis on the Republic of Cuba where there is a special need and a history of seminars based on the concept of participatory democracy.

- 2. In addition, the Corporation shall promote peaceful and beneficial relations among all independent and sovereign nations and particularly between the United States of America and the Republic of Cuba.
- 3. To do such other things as are incidental to the purposes of the Corporation or necessary or desirable in order to accomplish them.

### ARTICLE V LIMITATIONS

No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to its Members, Directors, or Officers, but the Corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article 4 (Purposes) hereof.

### ARTICLE VI MEMBERS AND INCORPORATORS

The Corporation shall have Voting Members who shall be elected (and may be removed) by the Voting Members and shall have all the rights and privileges of members of the Corporation. The By-Laws may provide for Nonvoting Members of one or more classes, who shall be admitted in such manner and who shall have such rights and privileges as are set forth in the By-Laws, but who shall not have the right to vote. The names and addresses of the initial Voting Members who are also the incorporators signing these Articles of Incorporation are as follows:

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NAME:		ADDKESS:

Rolando Mendoza 810 Salzedo, Apt. 31
President Coral Gables, FL 33134

Nicolás Ríos 9750 SW 15th Street Vice-President and Treasurer Miami, Florida 33174

Antonio Zamora 1408 Brickell Bay Dr., #1211 Secretary Miami, Florida 33131

### ARTICLE VII PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The street address of the principal office and mailing address of the corporation shall be:

9750 SW 15th Street Miami, Florida 33174

### ARTICLE VIII INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT AND ADDRESS

The name and address of the initial registered agent is:

Antonio Zamora 1408 Brickell Bay Dr., #1211 Miami, Florida 33131

### ARTICLE IX INITIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The management of the Corporation shall be vested in a Board of Directors. The number of Directors constituting the initial Board of Directors is three. The number of Directors may be increased or decreased from time to time in accordance with the By-Laws, but shall never be less than two. The Voting Members shall elect the Directors annually. The initial Board of Directors is as follows:

ADDRESS:

Rolando Mendoza	810 Salzedo, Apt. 31
President	Coral Gables, FL 33134
Nicolás Ríos	9750 SW 15th Street
Vice-President and Treasurer	Miami, Florida 33174

Antonio Zamora 1408 Brickell Bay Dr., #1211 Secretary Miami, Florida 33131

### **BY-LAWS**

The By-Laws of the Corporation are to be made and adopted by the Board of Directors and may be altered, amended or rescinded by the Board of Directors.

NAME:

### ARTICLE X AMENDMENT

The Corporation reserves the right to amend or repeal any provisions contained in these Articles of Incorporation or any amendment to them, and all rights and privileges conferred upon the Members, Directors and Officers are subject to this reservation. The Articles of Incorporation may be amended in accordance with the provisions of the laws of the State of Florida, as amended from time to time, unless more specific provisions for amendments are adopted be the Corporation pursuant to law.

### ARTICLE XII NONSTOCK BASIS

The Corporation is organized on a Nonstock Basis. This Corporation shall not issue shares of stock.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned subscribers have executed these Articles of Incorporation on this 31 32 day of October, 2000.

Rolando Mendoza

Nicolás Ríos

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CERTIFICATE DESIGNATING PLACE OF BUSINESS OR DOMICILE FOR THE SERVICE OF PROCESS WITHIN THE STATE OF FLORIDA NAMING AGENT UPON WHOM SERVICE OF PROCESS MAY BE MADE.

In compliance with section 607.0501, of the Florida Statutes the following is submitted:

Desiring to organize or qualify under the laws of the State of Florida with its principal place of business in the City of Miami, County Miami-Dade, Florida, whose Corporate name is:

### CENTER FOR DEMOCRATIC PARTICIPATION, INC.

has named Antonio Zamora, as its Agent to accept service of process within the State of Florida.

#### ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Having been named to accept service of process for the above mentioned Corporation, at the place designated in this Certificate, I hereby agree to act in this capacity, and further agree to comply with the provisions of all of the Statutes relative to the proper and complete performance of my duties.

Dated this Aday of October, 2000.

Áhtonio Zamora

Resident and Registered Agent

1408 Brickell Bay Dr., #1211

Miami, Florida 33131 \_\_\_

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