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## UNION SOCIAL POUR LE DEVELOPMENT ET DE LA SOLIDARITE (U.S.D.S.)

FLORIDA DIVISION OF CORPORATIONS P.O. BOX 6327 TALLAHASSEE, FL 32314

RE: Union Social pour le Development et de la Solidarité, Inc. (Social Union for Development and Solidarity, Inc.)

To: Division of Corporations

Enclosed for filing are the original **signed** Articles of Incorporation for the above-referenced not-for-profit corporation.

Also enclosed is a **complete photocopy of the executed Articles** and a money order payable to the **Department of State** for **\$87.50** in payment of the filing fee (\$35), registered agent fee (\$35) and the fee for a certified copy (\$8.75) and for a certificate of status (\$8.75).

Please return the certified copy and certificate to me at the following address:

Mr. Bonhomme Debouquet 2135 West St. Conrad Street Tampa, FL 33607

Please call me at **(813) 977-0653 or (813) 404-1454** if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Bonhomme Debauquet

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Enclosures (Original signed Articles; copy of signed articles; check)

### ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF

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### Union Social pour le Development et de la Solidarité : Inc. ARY OF STATE TALLAHASSEE FLORIDA

The undersigned, acting as the incorporator of a corporation organized under Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes, adopts the following Articles of Incorporation:

#### I. NAME OF CORPORATION:

The name of the Corporation is **Union Social Pour Le Development et de la Solidarité, Inc.** 

#### II. PRINCIPAL OFFICE:

The principal office of the Corporation is located at 2135 West St. Conrad Street, Tampa, Florida 33607.

#### III. MAILING ADDRESS:

The mailing address of the Corporation is: 2135 West St. Conrad Street, Tampa, Florida 33607.

#### IV. REGISTERED AGENT/REGISTERED OFFICE

The name of the registered agent of the Corporation is Ilfaut Joseph. The street address of the registered agent is 11725 N. 17<sup>th</sup> Street, Apt. E208, Tampa, Florida 33612.

#### V. DURATION

The Corporation shall have perpetual existence. Corporate existence shall commence on the date of the filing of these Articles with the Florida Division of Corporations, Department of State.

#### VI. MEMBERSHIP

The Corporation shall have members. The rights of members (or any class of members) to vote may be limited, enlarged or denied to the extent specified in the bylaws.

#### VII. INITIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

A. There shall be three (3) directors on the initial Board of Directors. The number of directors may be increased or decreased as provided in the bylaws, but shall never be less than three.

- B. The manner of election or appointment of the Board of Directors shall be stated in the bylaws.
  - C. The names and addresses of the initial Board of Directors are:

Bohomme Debouquet	Ilfaut Joseph	Christal Pierre
	11725 N. 17 <sup>th</sup> Street, Apt. E208	11114 N. 28th Street
Tampa, FL 33607	Tampa, FL 33612	Tampa, FL 33612

#### VIII. INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the incorporator is: Bohomme Debouquet, 4524 Tarpon Street, Tampa, Florida 33617.

#### IX. CORPORATE PURPOSES

The Corporation is organized and shall be operated exclusively for charitable and educational purposes, including, but not limited to, the following:

- 1. To provide economic, educational, social and cultural activities and opportunities for immigrants who are residents of the Tampa Bay area in Florida;
- 2. To foster and promote community-wide interest and concern for the problems and needs of immigrants in the Tampa Bay area;
- To expand the opportunities available to Tampa Bay area immigrants to own, manage, and operate business enterprises and cooperatives; to assist immigrants in developing entrepreneurial and management skills necessary for the successful operation of business enterprises; and to assist immigrants in obtaining financial support for business development from appropriate sources;
- 4. To aid, support, and assist by gifts, contributions, or otherwise, other corporations, community chests, funds and foundations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational or scientific purposes, no part of the net earnings of which inures to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual, and no substantial part of the activities of which is carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation.
- 5. To do any and all lawful activities which may be necessary, useful, or desirable for the furtherance, accomplishment, fostering, or attaining of the foregoing purposes, either directly or indirectly, and either alone or in conjunction or cooperation with others, whether such others be persons or organizations of any kind or nature, such as corporations, firms, association, trusts, institutions, foundations, or governmental bureaus, departments or agencies.

All of the foregoing purposes shall be exercised exclusively for charitable and educational purposes in such a manner that the corporation will qualify as an exempt organization under section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law (hereinafter referred to as "the Internal Revenue Code").

#### F. 501(c)(3) LIMITATIONS:

- A. **CORPORATE PURPOSES:** Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, this organization shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from federal corporate income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law), or by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law).
- B. **EXCLUSIVITY:** The Corporation is organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes.
- C. **NO PRIVATE INUREMENT:** The Corporation is not organized nor shall it be operated for the primary purpose of generating pecuniary gain or profit. The Corporation shall not distribute any gains, profits or dividends to the directors, officers, or members thereof (if any), or to any individual, except as reasonable compensation for services actually performed in carrying out the Corporation's charitable and educational purposes. The property, assets, profits and net income of the Corporation are irrevocably dedicated to charitable and educational purposes, no part of which shall inure to the benefit of any individual.
- D. **LOBBYING AND POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS:** No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall consist of the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the Corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in, any political campaign on behalf of (or in opposition to) any candidate for public office.
- E. **DISSOLUTION:** Upon winding up and dissolution of the Corporation, the assets of the Corporation remaining after payment of all debts and liabilities shall be distributed to one or more organizations recognized as exempt from federal corporate income taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code to be used exclusively for charitable and educational purposes. To the extent the assets are not distributed to tax-exempt organizations, the assets shall be distributed to the federal, state or local government for a public purpose. If the Corporation holds any assets in trust, such assets shall be disposed of in such a manner as may be directed by decree of the Circuit Court of the district in which the Corporation's principal office is located, upon petition thereof by the Attorney General or by any person concerned in the liquidation.
- F. PRIVATE FOUNDATION STATUS: In the event that this Corporation shall become a "private foundation" within the meaning of Section 509 of the Internal Revenue Code, the Corporation shall distribute its income for each taxable year at such time and in such manner as not to subject it to tax under section 4942 of the Internal Revenue Code; shall not engage in any act of self-dealing as defined in section 4941(d) of the Internal Revenue Code; shall not retain

any excess business holdings as defined in section 4943(c) of the Internal Revenue Code; shall not make any investments in such manner as to subject it to tax under section 4944 of the Internal Revenue Code; and shall not make any taxable expenditures as defined in section 4945(d) of the Internal Revenue Code.

#### **Execution**

These Articles of Incorporation are hereby executed by the incorporator on this 17th day of February, 2003.

### REGISTERED AGENT'S ACCEPTANCE OF APPOINTMENT

I, Ilfaut Joseph, hereby accept my appointment as registered agent for **Union Social Pour Le Development et de la Solidarité, Inc.**, a Florida not-for-profit corporation. I am familiar with, and accept, the obligations of the position of registered agent, and agree to comply with the provisions of all statutes relating to the proper performance of my duties.

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Daté: February 17, 2003

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