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Sincerely:

Emmanuel U.K. Ukpa.



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June 17, 2003

CHIEF EMMANUEL UDO KALU UKPAI
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THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF OHAFIA NATIONAL ORGANIZATION IN USA, INC. (A Non-Profit Organization)

PREAMBLE

We, the People of Ohafia Udumeze of Abia State of The Federal Republic of Nigeria, living in the United States of America, cognizant of our individual and collective responsibilities, desiring to contribute to the progress of our motherland, convinced that in unity there is strength, decided on Saturday October 12, 2002 in New York City, the Sate of New York, to form a Cultural, Educational, Charitable, and Humanitarian Organization, under which we shall all unite.

ARTICLE 1: NAME OF ORGANIZATION

The name of this organization shall be:

OHAFIA NATIONAL ORGANIZATION IN USA, INC.

ARTICLE 2: DURATION OF ORGANIZATION

The duration of this Organization is perpetual.

ARTICLE 3: LOCATION OF ORGANIZATION

Its registered office in the State of Florida is to be located at 4700 Northwest 12th Court, in the city of Fort Lauderdale, County of Broward. The registered agent in charge thereof is Chief Emmanuel Udo Kalu Ukpai, at same address.

ARTICLE 4: PURPOSE OF ORGANIZATION

The purposes for which the **Ohafia National Organization In USA, Inc.** is organized are:

1. Exclusively charitable, educational, scientific, and cultural, within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law; including for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future tax code.
2. To promote and encourage the fostering of unity, create an atmosphere of understanding, cooperation, and promotion of good relationship and networking among members.

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3. To promote and encourage the fostering and promotion of unity, peace, and harmony among Ohafia People at home in Ohafia, in other parts of Abia State of Nigeria, in other parts of Nigeria, as well as all Ohafia people in the Diaspora.
4. To address the economic, educational, cultural, and social needs, and encourage the well-being of the citizens of Ohafia, in the United States of America in particular, and world-wide in general.
5. To contribute towards Economic, Social, Educational, Health, and Cultural progress of the various parts of Ohafia Nation.
6. To develop activities that will foster Cultural, Recreational, Economic, and Educational Exchange between members of Ohafia National Organization In USA, Inc., and the larger community of the United States of America.
7. To advocate on behalf of the welfare of Ohafia People in the USA, in Ohafia, in Abia State, as well as other parts of Nigeria.
8. To provide moral and/or material support for members in good standing in severe distress through counseling and solicitation of voluntary donations, specifically for the relief of the distressed member.
9. To sponsor events that will allow audiences and communities in the United States of America to have a taste of our rich and enviable cultural heritage.
10. To provide a forum for our youth to obtain education relating to our culture, and to give our children the means to understand the origin of Ohafia, their fatherland.
11. To provide a voice for Ohafia People in Politics both in the USA, in Ohafia, in Abia State, and in other parts of Nigeria, aimed at providing guidance for proper governance and proper representation of our people.
12. To cooperate with, and support the efforts of other charitable organizations that share, promote, and subscribe to the views and interest of Ohafia people both at home and abroad; and other such organizations that fit the categories as described above.
13. No part of the organization shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officials, or any private persons, except that the organization shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensations for services rendered, and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in this Article.
14. No substantial part of the activities of the organization shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the organization shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of, or in opposition to any candidate for public office.

15. 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 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.
16. Upon the dissolution of the organization, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future Federal Tax Code, or shall be distributed to the Federal Government, or to a State or Local Government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of, shall be disposed of by the Court of Common Pleas of the county in which the principal office of the organization is then located, exclusively for such purposes, or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

ARTICLE 5:

The organization shall not have any capital stock.

ARTICLE 6: INCORPORATOR

SECTION 6.1:

The name and mailing address of the incorporator is as follows: Chief Emmanuel Udo Kalu Ukpai, 4700 NW 12th Court, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida 33313-6526, USA.

SECTION 6.2:

The powers of the incorporator are to terminate upon filing of the Certificate Of Incorporation.

ARTICLE 7: MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 7.1: GENERAL

Membership shall be open to ALL OHAFIA INDIGENES (by virtue of birth, marriage, and adoption), residing in the United States of America, as well as persons, groups and organizations of persons, who share and subscribe to the views, interests, beliefs, and concerns of the Ohafia people, regardless of sex, race, color, creed, religion, or national origin.

SECTION 7.2: MEMBERSHIP CLASSIFICATIONS

Classes of membership shall include:

- a. Active Membership
- b. At-Large or Affiliate Membership
- c. Honorary, and Corporate (non-member groups & organizations) membership.

SECTION 7.2.1: ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP

An Active membership refers to a member who is in good standing with reference to his/her financial obligations (vis-à-vis Registration, Dues, Levies, etc.) with Ohafia National Organization In USA, Inc., and attends his/her Chapter meetings and activities, and gives moral support to ensure the growth and stability of Ohafia National Organization In USA, Inc., through attendance of Annual Conventions, Fund Raising Events, etc.

SECTION 7.2.2: AT-LARGE OR AFFILIATE MEMBERSHIP

At-Large or Affiliate Membership shall be granted to a member who does not have a local chapter in his/her domiciliary area in the USA. All At-Large members must satisfy the provisions of Article 3, Section 3.2.1 of the Constitution.

SECTION 7.2.3: HONORARY OR CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP

Honorary or Corporate membership shall constitute a person, group of persons, organization(s), or corporation(s), who share and subscribe to the views and interests of Ohafia National Organization In USA, Inc. An Honorary or Corporate member can be chosen by the Board of Directors to act on behalf of Ohafia National Organization In USA, Inc. to further its goals and objectives. A non-Ohafia female married into an Ohafia family, shall have full membership rights and privileges, in accordance with Ohafia customs and tradition. A non-Ohafia male married into Ohafia family shall hold Honorary membership, should he elect to be a member. Honorary and Corporate members shall have no voting powers, and are not obligated to pay registration fees or dues.

**ARTICLE 8:
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

SECTION 8.1:

The Board of Directors shall be the governing body of Ohafia National Organization In USA, Inc., having the full power to set policies and procedures, and ensure implementation of all such set policies and procedures, including conducting regular businesses of the Organization. The Board of Directors shall have not more than nine (9) members, which shall include the sitting Executive Committee members, vis-à-vis the President-General (Executive Director), the Vice President (Deputy Executive Director), the Secretary-General, the Financial Secretary, the Treasurer, the Public Relations Officer/Publicity Secretary, and at least three Patrons. Patrons shall be appointed by the Executive Committee and approved by the General Assembly. Directors are elected.

The following constitute the names and addresses of the current members of the Board of Directors;

Chief Emmanuel U.K. Ukpai, 4700 NW 12th Ct., Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33313.
Dr. Michael U. Eni Nmagu, 10008 Ellard Drive, Lanham, MD 20706.
Ms. Oma A. Nwoke, Dallas RSD, 9655 Pinehurst Lane, Dallas, TX 75227.
Mr. Emmanuel Mecha, 5 Bayberry Lane, Randolph, MA 02368.
Mr. Chukwuemeka Raymond Ukpai, 2917 Hayling Drive, Raleigh, NC 27610.
Mr. Uduma O. Ezikpe, 2055 Seagirt Blvd. #1E, Far Rockaway, NY 11691.

SECTION 8.2:

Other members shall be appointed to the Board on an as-need-be basis as shall be determined from time to time by the Board of Directors.

**ARTICLE 9:
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

SECTION 9.1:

The Executive Committee shall consist of the elected officers of the organization.

SECTION 9.2:

The Executive Committee shall implement the policies and procedures of Ohafia National Organization In USA, Inc., as set by the Board of Directors, and approved by the General Assembly, and shall also execute the projects and activities of the Organization, consistent with set policies and procedures of the organization.

**ARTICLE 10:
OFFICERS AND ELECTION**

SECTION 10.1: OFFICERS:

The officers of the Organization shall consist of the President-General, Vice President, Secretary-General, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Financial Secretary, Public Relations Officer/Publicity Secretary, and other such officers as the Board of Directors shall from time to time determine. Vacant Offices shall be filled by appointment by Executive Committee, and ratified by the General Assembly.

SECTION 10.2: ELECTION:

The Offices of the President-General, Vice President, Secretary-General, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Financial Secretary, and Public Relations Officer/Publicity Secretary, shall be elected by the General Assembly by simple majority vote.

SECTION 10.3: OTHER OFFICERS:

The President-General shall appoint other officers as needed, subject to confirmation by the Board of Directors, and final ratification by the General Assembly.

SECTION 10.4:

The following are the names and addresses of the current officers of Ohafia National Organization In USA, Inc.;

President-General:	Chief Emmanuel Udo Kalu Ukpai 4700 NW 12 th Ct., Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33313.
Vice President:	Dr. Michael Uduma Eni Nmagu 10008 Ellard Drive, Lanham, MD 20706.
Secretary-General:	Ms. Oma Anāga Nwoke 9655 Pinehurst Lane, Dallas, TX 75227.
Treasurer:	Mr. Emmanuel Mecha 5 Bayberry Lane, Randolph, MA 02368.
Financial Secretary:	Mr. Chukwuemeka Raymond Ukpai 2917 Hayling Drive, Raleigh, NC 27610.
PRO/Pub. Secretary:	Mr. Uduma Okoro Ezikpe 2055 Seagirt Blvd. #1E, Far Rockaway, NY 11691.

**ARTICLE 11:
AMENDMENTS**

Section 11.1:

Any part of these Articles of Incorporation may be amended at any scheduled meeting of the Executive Committee at which a quorum is present, by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting, provided that notice of such amendment has been given to all members at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting.

Adopted by the Board of Directors in Washington, DC:

this 8th day of December, 2002.

Signed: [Signature]
Chief Emmanuel Udo Kalu Ukpai
President-General

Date: 05/08/03



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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF REGISTERED AGENT

Having been named Registered Agent for the above-stated corporation, at the place designated in these Articles of Incorporation, I hereby accept to act in this capacity, and agree to comply with the provisions of said Law, relative to keeping open said office.


Emmanuel U.K. Ukpai
(Incorporator)