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Secretary of State  
**Division of Corporations**  
409 East Gaines Street  
Tallahassee, FL 32399

**RE: EUROPEAN BUSINESS COUNCIL, INC.**

Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed is our check in the amount of \$78.75 to cover the cost of filing the enclosed Articles of Incorporation for the above-referenced corporation. Please return a certified copy to our office once the Articles have been filed.

Thank you for your assistance and please feel free to call should you have any questions.

Sincerely,



THOMAS E. SHIPP, JR.

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Enclosure

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**  
**OF**  
**EUROPEAN BUSINESS COUNCIL, INC.**  
**A NONPROFIT CORPORATION**

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I, the undersigned, being desirous of forming a nonprofit corporation under the provisions of Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes, do agree to the following:

**ARTICLE I - NAME**

The name of this corporation is:

**EUROPEAN BUSINESS COUNCIL, INC.**

**ARTICLE II - PRINCIPAL OFFICE**

The principal place of business of this corporation shall be 1231 Lafayette Street, Cape Coral, Florida 33904.

**ARTICLE III - PURPOSE**

The corporation is formed to establish mutual understanding and cultural exchange between Europe and Southwest Florida through visits, special events and trade missions, to facilitate trade and investment between Southwest Florida and Europe, to establish an international small business assistance center staffed with volunteers focused on bringing international investments into Southwest Florida, and for all other purposes allowed by law.

**ARTICLE IV - LIMITATIONS OF METHOD**

The EBC shall be nonpartisan and nonsectarian and shall take no part in or lend its influence or facilities, either directly or indirectly to the nomination, election, or appointment of any candidate for office

in any city, county, state or nation. The EBC shall observe all local, state and federal laws, applicable to a nonprofit organization, as defined in Section 501 (C) (6) of the Internal Revenue Code.

#### **ARTICLE V - MEMBERSHIP**

The membership of this corporation shall constitute all persons who are officers and directors and such other persons as from time to time may become members upon application, as further provided in the Bylaws.

#### **ARTICLE VI - INCORPORATOR**

The name and address of the incorporator of these Articles is:

JUERGEN HARTWICH  
1231 Lafayette Street  
Cape Coral, FL 33904

#### **ARTICLE VII - TERM**

This corporation is to exist perpetually.

#### **ARTICLE VIII - DIRECTORS**

The business of this corporation shall be managed by the Board of Directors. This corporation shall have eleven (11) directors initially. The number of directors may be increased from time to time by the Bylaws, but shall never be less than three. The Board of Directors shall be elected and hold office in accordance with the Bylaws.

#### **ARTICLE IX - DISSOLUTION**

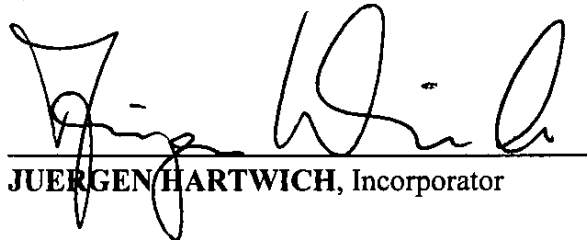
Upon dissolution of this corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501 (c) (6) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax law, or shall be distributed to the federal, state or local government for a public purpose.

Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the court of proper jurisdiction in the county in which the principal office of this corporation 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 X - REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT**


The address of the initial registered office of this corporation shall be 1231 Lafayette Street, Cape Coral, Florida 33904. The name of the initial registered agent of the corporation at that address is JUERGEN HARTWICH.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned incorporator has hereunto set his hand and seal on this 1<sup>st</sup> day of AUGUST, 2007.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
JUERGEN HARTWICH, Incorporator

**ACCEPTANCE OF REGISTERED AGENT**

Having been named to accept service of process for the above stated corporation, at the place designated in these Articles of Incorporation, I hereby agree to act in this capacity, and I further agree to comply with the provisions of said Act relative to keeping open said office this 1<sup>st</sup> day of AUGUST, 2007.

  
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JUERGEN HARTWICH  
Registered Agent

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF LEE

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by JUERGEN HARTWICH, who is personally known to me or who produced Florida license as identification on this 1st day of AUGUST, 2007.

Deborah L. Grover  
Notary Public

(NOTARIAL SEAL)



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