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#### FLORIDA PROFIT/NON PROFIT CORPORATION

Roots of Transformation International, Inc.

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#### ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

The undersigned Incorporator, in order to form a non-profit corporation under the laws of the state of Florida Not for Profit Corporation Act, hereby adopts the following Articles of Incorporation:

# ARTICLE I NAME

The name of the Corporation (hereinafter referred to as the "Corporation") shall be known as:

ROOTS OF TRANSFORMATION INTERNATIONAL, INC.

# ARTICLE II PRINCIPAL OFFICE AND MAILING ADDRESS

The location of Principal Office and the mailing address of the Corporation shall be:

16540 ROYAL POINCIANA COURT WESTON, FL 33326

#### ARTICLE III PURPOSE

The general purposes for which the corporation is organized are:

This Corporation is organized exclusively for one or more of the purposes specified in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

The specific purposes for which the corporation is organized are:

to build peace and security for the most vulnerable in society one community at time through individual transformation;

to work with people to increase knowledge about themselves in a holistic way, in particular a tripartite definition of self as physical, mental and spiritual; to promote empowerment through supporting educational opportunities for boys and girls, youth and women;

to provide psycho social counseling opportunities and primary health education for at risk individuals regarding female genital mutilation, maternal and prenatal care, nutrition and sanitation concerns as well as promoting awareness of infectious disease control and prevention, including HIV and AIDS awareness;

to work with men including traditional and religious leaders to address issues of gender based violence to promote peace and reconciliation starting in the home and then in their communities:

to empower women and children with knowledge and skills to enable their own development and the development of their family, communities and their country; to facilitate organizational stability on change and transformation by the renewal of individuals' minds through individual and institutional capacity building; and to partner with local and international non-governmental organizations that have similar objective(s).

# ARTICLE IV MANNER OF ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

Directors shall be elected or appointed in accordance with the procedures for electing or appointing directors as stated in the By Laws of the Corporation.

### ARTICLE V DIRECTORS

The number of directors constituting the initial board of directors is five (5). The number of directors may be either increased or decreased from time to time according to the bylaws, but shall never be less than three (3). The name and address of the persons who are to serve as director(s) until the first annual meeting of the shareholders or until their successors are elected and qualified are:

NAME	POSITION	ADDRESS
Carmen Del Rosario	Chair	16540 Royal Poinciana Court, Weston, FL 33326
Francia Del Rosario	Treasurer	79 Gables Boulevard, Weston FL, 33326
Milagros Napan	Clerk	16540 Royal Poinciana Court, Weston, FL 33326
Ivan Jimenez	Director	3044 SW 42nd Street, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33312
Eusebio Leon	Director	64-35 Yellowstone Boulevard, Forest Hills, NY 11375

#### ARTICLE VI DURATION

The corporation shall have perpetual existence commencing on the date of this filing of these Articles of Incorporation with the Florida Department of State.

#### ARTICLE VII INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT AND STREET ADDRESS

The name and Florida street address of the initial registered agent are:

STEPHEN D. MCCULLOUGH, CLA 2702 A WEST OAKLAND PARK BOULEVARD FORT LAUDERDALE, FL 33311

#### ARTICLE VIII INCORPORATOR

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

STEPHEN D. MCCULLOUGH, CLA 2702 A WEST OAKLAND PARK BOULEVARD FORT LAUDERDALE, FL 33311

#### ARTICLE IX BY LAWS

The power to adopt, alter, amend or repeal the By Laws of the corporation is vested in the Board of Directors.

## ARTICLE X POWERS

This corporation shall have all the corporate powers enumerated in the Florida Not for Profit Corporation Act.

### ARTICLE XI QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

The categories of membership, qualifications for membership and the manner of admission shall be set forth in and regulated by the By Laws of the Corporation.

#### ARTICLE XII VOTING RIGHTS

Members of the Corporation will have such voting rights as are provided in the By Laws of the Corporation.

# ARTICLE XIII LIABILITIES FOR DEBTS

Neither the members, nor the members of the Board of Directors, nor the officers of the Corporation shall be liable for the debts of the Corporation.

# ARTICLE XIV INDEMNIFICATION

This corporation shall indemnify any officer or director, or former officer or director, to the full extent permitted by law.

#### ARTICLE XV AMENDMENT

This corporation reserves the right to amend or repeal any provision contained in these Articles of Incorporation, or any amendment hereto, in the manner prescribed by law, and all rights conferred on the members of the Corporation are subject to this reservation. Articles may be amended at any time by a majority vote of the members of the Corporation.

#### ARTICLE XVI DISSOLUTION

In the event of the dissolution of this Corporation, its assets remaining after payment, or provision for payment, of all debts and liabilities of this Corporation shall be distributed and turned over to one or more organizations which themselves are exempt as organizations described in Sections 501(c)(3) and 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding sections of any prior or future Internal Revenue Code, or to the Federal, State, or local government for exclusively public purpose.

However, if the named recipient is not then in existence or no longer a qualified distributee, or unwilling or unable to accept the distribution, then the assets of this corporation shall be distributed to a fund, foundation or corporation organized and operated exclusively for the purpose specified in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal\_Revenue Code (or corresponding section of any future Federal tax code).

# Additional provisions for the operation of the corporation are as follows:

#### ARTICLE XVII LIMITATIONS ON ACTIVITIES

Any references herein to any provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 shall be deemed to mean such provisions as now or hereafter existing amended, supplemented, or superseded as the case may be.

At all times, and notwithstanding the merger, consolidation, reorganization, termination, dissolution, or winding up of this corporation, voluntary or involuntary or by operation of law, This corporation shall not possess or exercise any power or authority either expressly by interpretation or by operation of law that will or might prevent it at any time from qualifying, and continuing to qualify as a corporation described in Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue code of 1954, as amended (hereafter sometimes referred to as "the Code", contributions to which are deductible for federal income tax purposes; nor shall it engage directly or indirectly in any activity which might cause the loss of such qualification.

No part of the assets or net earnings of these corporations shall ever be used, nor shall this corporation ever be organized or operated, for purposes that are not exclusively religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational within the meaning of section 501(c) (3) of the Code.

This corporation shall never be operated for the primary purpose of carrying on a trade or business profit.

No substantial part of the activities of this Corporation shall consist of carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation (except as otherwise provided by Section 501(h) of the Internal Revenue Code), and this Corporation 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.

At no time shall this corporation engage in any activities which are unlawful under the laws of the United States of America, the State of Florida or another jurisdiction where its activities are carried on; nor shall it engage in any transaction defined at the time as prohibited under the Internal Revenue Code of 1954.

No solicitation of contributions to this corporation shall be made, and no gift bequest or devise to this corporation shall be accepted upon any condition or limitation which, in the opinion of the corporation, may cause the corporation to lose it's exemption from payment of federal income taxes.

Notwithstanding any other provisions of these articles, if at any time or times the corporation shall be a " private foundation" as defined in section 509 of the code, than during such time or times the corporation shall distribute its income for each taxable year at such time and such manner as not to subject the corporation to tax under Section 4942(d) of the Code.

Upon the termination, dissolution or winding up of this corporation in any manner or for any reason, its assets, if any, remaining after payment (or provision for payment) for all liabilities of the corporation, shall be distributed to and only to one or more organizations described on Section 501(c) (3) of the code, and such organization or organizations shall not be "private foundations" within the meaning of the Internal Revenue Code and shall not be "publicly supported" within the meaning of that Code.

#### ARTICLE XVIII PROHIBITION AGAINST PRIVATE INUREMENT

No compensation, loan or other payment shall be paid or made to any officer, director, incorporation of this corporation, or substantial contributor to it, and no part of the assets or the earnings, current or accumulated, of this corporation shall ever be distributed to or divided among any such persons, or inure to, be used or accrue to or for the benefit of any such person or private individual (pursuant to the prohibition contained in Section 50) (c) (3) of the Code); except that this 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 these Articles.

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### ARTICLE XIX COMPENSATION RESTRICTION

Resolved that any salaries or wages, together with fringe benefits or other forms of compensation (housing, transportation, and other allowances) paid to or provided to our employees, directors, or officers will not exceed a value which is reasonable and commensurate with the duties and working hours associated with such employment and with the compensation ordinarily paid to persons with similar positions or duties.

# ARTICLE XX PRIVATE FOUNDATION REQUIREMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS

In any taxable year in which this Corporation is a private foundation as described in section 509(a) of the Internal Revenue Code, the Corporation 1) shall distribute its income for said period at such time end manner as not to subject it to tax under Section 4942 of the Internal Revenue Code; 2) shall not engage in any act of self-dealing as defined in Section 4941(d) of the Internal Revenue Code; 3) shall not retain any excess business holdings as defined in Section 4943(c) of the Internal Revenue Code; 4) shall not make any investments in such a manner as to subject the Corporation to tax under Section 4944 of the Internal Revenue Code; and 5) shall not make any taxable expenditures as defined in section 4945(d) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Signature (Incorporator

# ACCEPTANCE OF DESIGNATION AS REGISTERED AGENT

Having been named as registered agent and to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I hereby accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity. I further agree to comply with the provisions of all statutes relating to the proper and complete performance of my duties, and I am familiar with and accept the obligations of my position as registered agent,

Signature / Registered Agent Date