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February 12, 1999

GRUPO DE APOYO A LAS COOPERATIVAS INDEPENDIENTES 1000 PONCE DE LEON BLVD., #312 CORAL GABLES, FL 33134

SUBJECT: GRUPO DE APOYO A LAS COOPERATIVAS INDEPENDIENTES Ref. Number: W99000003663

We have received your document for GRUPO DE APOYO A LAS COOPERATIVAS INDEPENDIENTES and your check(s) totaling \$80.00. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

The name of the corporation must contain a corporate suffix. This suffix may be: CORPORATION, CORP., INCORPORATED, or INC. Sections 617.0401(1)(a) and 617.1506(1), Florida Statutes, prohibits the use of the word COMPANY or CO. in the name of a non-profit corporation.

Please provide an English translation for the entity's name in your cover letter.

Section 617.0202(d), Florida Statutes, requires the manner in which directors are elected or appointed be contained in the articles of incorporation or a statement that the method of election of directors is as stated in the bylaws.

The registered agent must sign accepting the designation.

We regret that we were unable to contact you by phone. Please return the corrected document with a letter providing us with an address and telephone number where you can be reached during working hours.

Please return the original and one copy of your document, along with a copy of this letter, within 60 days or your filing will be considered abandoned.

If you have any questions concerning the filing of your document, please call (850) 487-6928.

Michelle Milligan Document Specialist

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

The undersigned, acting as incorporator(s) of a Corporation pursuant to Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, adopt(s) the following Articles of Incorporation of such corporation:

ARTICLE!

The name of the corporation shall be: Grupo de Apoyo a las Cooperativas Independientes, INC. SUPPORT GROUP TO INDEPENDENT COOPERATIVES

The principal place of business of this corporation shall be: 1000 Ponce de Leon Blvd. Suite 312, Coral Gables, FL. 33134

ARTICLE II

The period of the duration of this corporation is PERPETUAL unless dissolved according to law.

ARTICLE III

The purpose (purposes) for which the corporation is organized is (are): To provide humanitarian assistance to independent farmers in Cuba.

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ARTICLE IV

The qualifications for members and the manner of their admission are: As provided for in the bylaws

ARTICLE V

The number constituting the initial Board of <u>directors</u>, <u>trustee or managers</u>, (circle one) of the coporation is <u>three</u>, and the names and addresses of the persons who are to serve initially are: (not less than 3) The manner in which the directors are elected, shall be as stated in the bylaws.

NAME ADDRESS

Hernan Henriquez
Diosmel Rodriguez
Bernardo Pestano

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ARTICLE VI

This corporation is organized under a non-stock basis.

ARTICLE VII

In the event of dissolution, the residual assets of the organization will be turned over to one or more organizations which themselves are exempt as organizations described in Section 501(c)(3) and 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or corresponding sections of any prior or future law, or to the Federal, State or Local Government for exclusive public purpose.

ARTICLE VIII

The name and address of each incorporator is Diosmel Rodriguez 1000 Ponce de Leon Blvd. Suite 312 Coral Gables, Fl. 33134

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned incorporator(s) has (have) executed these Articles of Incoproration this _____ day of ______, 199.9

Signature(s) of Incorporator(s)

Print name here: Diosmel Rodriguez
Town
DIOSMETTRODRIGUEZ
Print name here:
DIOSMET RODRIGUEZ
Print name here:

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF
THE FOREGOING instrument was acknowledged and sworn to before me this day
of <u>FGB</u> , 1999 by <u>Dios NE/ RODRIGUE</u> (name of incorporator) of <u>Grupo de Apoyo A (AS COOPERATIVAS INDEPENDIENTES</u> , /NE
(SEAL) Teresa De Jesus Leon Comm. No. CC 552720 My Comm. Exp. May 5, 2000 Bonded thru Pichard Ins. Agcy. NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires:

NON-PROFIT ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION FILING FEE: \$35

CERTIFICATE OF DESIGNATION REGISTERED AGENT/REGISTERED OFFICE

Pursuant to the provisions of section 607.0501. Florida Statutes, the undersigned corporation, organized under the laws of the State of Florida, submits the following statement in designating the registered office/registered agent, in the State of Florida.

1. The name of the of t	orporation is: Grupo de Apoyo a las Cooperativas Independientes, Inc. OUP TO INDEPENDENT COOPENATIVES
2. The name and add	lress of the registered agent and office is: DIOSMEL RODRIGUEZ
	(NAME)
	1000 PONCE DE LEON BLVD. SUITE 312
	(P.O. BOX <u>NOT</u> ACCEPTABLE) CORAL GABLES, FL 33134
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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

DATE

REGISTERED AGENT FILING FEE: \$35