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REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO  
**Act No. 7 of 1989**

[L.S.]

AN ACT for the incorporation of the Yoga Meditation Society of Trinidad and Tobago and for matters incidental thereto.

*[Assented to 29th March, 1989]*

WHEREAS since 13th March, 1987 there has been established Preamble in Trinidad and Tobago a Society known as the Yoga Meditation Society of Trinidad and Tobago:

And whereas it is expedient that the said Society be incorporated for the purpose of exercising the powers hereinafter set forth:

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- Enactment** ENACTED by the Parliament of Trinidad and Tobago as follows:—
- Short title** 1. This Act may be cited as the Yoga Meditation Society of Trinidad and Tobago (Incorporation) Act, 1989.
- Incorporation** 2. The Yoga Meditation Society of Trinidad and Tobago (hereinafter called “the Society” where the context so admits) is hereby created a body corporate.
- Aims and objects** 3. The aims and objects of the Society are—
- (a) to uphold the propagation, practice and teaching of Yoga and Meditation as taught by the Himalayan tradition;
  - (b) to form a nucleus of people devoted to the brotherhood of humanity without distinction of race, creed, sex, caste, colour, religion or nationality;
  - (c) to disseminate the ancient knowledge of Yoga and the Advaita Vedantic System;
  - (d) to examine, verify and come to conclusions regarding the Yoga and meditative practices so that humanity can be served effectively;
  - (e) to engage in true service to humanity at the physical, mental and spiritual levels and to appreciate and encourage all other individuals, groups or organizations similarly engaged;
  - (f) to provide a healthy and humane environment where a high standard of spirituality, discipline, integrity and service exists;
  - (g) to support, collaborate with and help people throughout the world, whose dedication to the aims of their organization is consistent with those of the Society in the total development of human well being;
  - (h) to receive donations, gifts and legacies from those sympathetic with the objects of the Society when such benefactions are unencumbered and unrestricted;

- (i) to do all such things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects.

4. The Society shall have power to—

Powers of the Society

- (a) acquire by purchase, transfer, donation, exchange, demise, bequest, grant, gift, conveyance or howsoever otherwise, any real or personal property or any estate or interest therein;
- (b) accept surrenders or reconveyances and to enter into contracts;
- (c) sell, exchange, demise, mortgage or otherwise dispose of and deal with all property which may for the time being be vested in it, subject to any restraint, reservation or condition contained in the document under which it has acquired title.

5. All real or personal property of whatever nature now held by or vested in any person for the use and benefit of the Society, is hereby transferred to and vested in the Society.

Transfer or vesting of property

6. All documents requiring the seal of the Society shall be sealed with the common seal of the Society in the presence of the President, the Treasurer and one Trustee for the time being in office, or in the event of incapacity, by some other person or persons authorised for that purpose by the Society who shall sign every document and such signing shall be *prima facie* evidence that the said seal was duly affixed and that the same is the lawful seal of the Society.

Mode of execution of documents

7. (1) The Society shall at all times have a fixed address in Trinidad and Tobago for the service of documents on the Society and such address and any change thereof shall be registered with the Registrar General within twenty-eight days of the date of incorporation or the change of address as the case may be.

Service of documents

(2) Every document to be served on the Society may be served by leaving the same at, or by sending the same by registered post to the registered address of the Society.

(3) Failure to register the address and any change thereof is a summary offence and renders the Society liable to a fine of one hundred and twenty dollars and to a further fine of ten dollars for each day during which the offence continues after conviction therefor.

Power to make rules

8. The Society may from time to time make rules and regulations for the proper conduct of its proceedings and discharge of its duties, powers and functions with power to vary or revoke such rules and regulations.

Saving of State and other rights

9. Nothing in this Act shall affect or be deemed to affect the rights of the State, or of any bodies politic or corporate or of any persons, except such as are mentioned or referred to in this Act and those claiming by, through, from or under them.

Passed in the House of Representatives this 17th day of February, 1989.

J. E. CARTER  
*Clerk of the House*

Passed in the Senate this 7th day of March, 1989.

N. COX  
*Acting Clerk of the Senate*