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TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

**Act No. 33 of 1973**

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AN ACT to provide for the incorporation of the Inter-Religious Organisation of Trinidad and Tobago.

*[Assented to 13th September, 1973]*

WHEREAS there has been established in Trinidad and Tobago a religious association known as "The Inter-Religious Organisation of Trinidad and Tobago" (hereinafter called "The I.R.O."); Preamble

And whereas it is expedient that the I.R.O. should be incorporated for the purpose of exercising the powers hereinafter set forth.

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Enactment	BE IT ENACTED by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Representatives of Trinidad and Tobago, and by the authority of the same as follows:—
Short title	1. This Act may be cited as the Inter-Religious Organisation of Trinidad and Tobago (Incorporation) Act, 1973.
Incorporation of I.R.O.	2. The I.R.O. is hereby created a body corporate and by that name shall have perpetual succession, and may sue and be sued in the court of Justice in Trinidad and Tobago by that name, and shall have and use a Common Seal which may from time to time be changed in accordance with the rules of the said body corporate.
Aims and objects of the Inter-Religious Organisation	3. The aims and objects of the Inter-Religious Organisation are <i>inter alia</i> :— (a) To foster the collaboration of all religious Organisations with a view of bringing about the spiritual, intellectual and economic advancement of the people of Trinidad and Tobago. (b) To assist in the establishment of educational, charitable and welfare institutions to serve the public of Trinidad and Tobago. (c) To organise and conduct study groups and libraries in order to study the theories and practices of the various religions in Trinidad and Tobago. (d) To publish a journal or other publications. (e) To hold cultural and/or religious shows and exhibitions.
Powers of the I.R.O.	4. (1) Subject to all laws (including this Act) and its rules from time to time in force, the I.R.O. shall have the powers hereinafter set forth in this section and such other powers as are appropriate to its aims and objects as from time to time specified in such rules.

(2) Subject as aforesaid the I.R.O. shall have power:—

- (a) To acquire by purchase, exchange, gift, bequest, devise or otherwise, all messuages, lands, tenancies, hereditaments or any tenure and also all moneys, securities for money, goods and chattels whatsoever, and may hold and enjoy the same.
- (b) To accept surrenders and reconveyances and to enter into contracts.
- (c) To sell, demise, grant, convey, transfer, mortgage, reconvey, surrender, exchange or otherwise dispose of all or any property from time to time vested in it.

5. All deeds, documents or other instruments requiring the Seal of the I.R.O. shall be sealed with its Common Seal in the presence of the President or Vice-President and the Secretary of the I.R.O. for the time being in office who shall sign every such deed, document or other instrument to which the Common Seal is affixed and such signing shall be *prima facie* evidence that the said Seal was duly and properly affixed and is the lawful Seal of the I.R.O. Mode of execution of documents

6. The I.R.O. shall at all times have a permanent address in Trinidad and Tobago for service of documents on the I.R.O. and such address and any change thereof shall be registered with the Registrar General. All documents to be served on the I.R.O. may be served by leaving the same at, or by sending the same by registered post to the address so registered. Service of documents on the I.R.O.

7. The I.R.O. may make rules for the purpose of the conduct of its proceedings and the discharge of its duties, power and functions with power to vary or revoke such rules. Rules of the I.R.O.

8. Nothing in this Act shall affect or be deemed to affect the rights of Her Majesty, Her Heirs or Successors, or of any bodies politic or corporate or of any other persons, except such as are mentioned or referred to in this Act and those claiming by, through, from or under them. Saving of Crown or other rights

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Passed in the Senate this 17th day of July, 1973.

J. E. CARTER  
*Clerk of the Senate*

Passed in the House of Representatives this 17th day  
of August, 1973.

G. R. LATOUR  
*Clerk of the House*