

First Session Fifth Parliament Republic of Trinidad  
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REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

**Act No. 12 of 1996**

[L.S.]

AN ACT for the Incorporation of the Association of  
Independent Ministers and matters incidental  
thereto.

*[Assented to 22nd May , 1996]*

WHEREAS there has been established in Trinidad and <sup>Preamble</sup>  
Tobago, an Organisation known as the Association of  
Independent Ministers:

And whereas it is expedient that the Association of Independent Ministers be incorporated for the purposes hereinafter set forth:

- Enactment      ENACTED by the Parliament of Trinidad and Tobago as follows:—
- Short title      1. This Act may be cited as the Association of Independent Ministers (Incorporation) Act, 1996.
- Incorporation    2. The Association of Independent Ministers (hereinafter called “the Organisation”) is hereby created a body corporate.
- Aims and objects    3. The aims and objects of the Organisation are—
- (a) to provide an umbrella body for ministers of autonomous assemblies;
  - (b) to provide a forum in which members can find fellowship through meetings, conventions and other forms of associations with each other;
  - (c) to foster unity in the Body of Christ and to lessen the spirit of sectarianism and dissension in propagating the gospel of Jesus Christ; and
  - (d) to enable members to co-operate with one another in such a way as to make a positive impact on the nation.
- Powers of Organisation    4. The Organisation shall have power—
- (a) to acquire by purchase, transfer, donation, exchange, devise, bequest, grant, gift, conveyance or howsoever otherwise, any real or personal property or any estate or interest therein;
  - (b) to accept surrenders or reconveyances and to enter into contracts; and
  - (c) to 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 <sup>Transfer and vesting of property</sup> now held by or vested in, any person for the use and benefit of the Organisation is hereby transferred to and vested in the Organisation.

6. All documents requiring the seal of the <sup>Mode of execution of documents</sup> Organisation shall be sealed with the common seal of the Organisation in the presence of the President and Secretary for the time being in office (or in the event of incapacity or absence from the territory in the presence of some other person or persons authorized for that purpose by the Organisation) who shall both sign every such 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 Organisation.

7. (1) The Organisation shall at all times have a <sup>Service of documents</sup> fixed address in Trinidad and Tobago for the service of documents on the Organisation and that 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.

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

(3) Failure to register the address and any change thereof is a summary offence and renders the Organisation 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 thereof.

Powers to make rules

8. The Organisation may from time to time make rules for the proper conduct of its proceedings and discharge of its duties, powers and functions.

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 Senate this 16th day of April, 1996.

N. COX  
*Clerk of the Senate*

Passed in the House of Representatives this 10th day of May, 1996.

J. SAMPSON  
*Clerk of the House*