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REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

Act No. 7 of 2000

[L.S.]

AN ACT for the incorporation of United Islamic Organisations of Trinidad and Tobago, and for matters incidental thereto.

[Assented to 4th May, 2000]

WHEREAS there had been established in Trinidad and Tobago, an Organisation known as United Islamic Organisations of Trinidad and Tobago which Organisation consists of the member bodies listed in the Schedule:

Preamble

And whereas it is expedient that the said United Islamic Organisations of Trinidad and Tobago 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 United Islamic Organisations of Trinidad and Tobago (Incorporation) Act, 2000.
Incorporation	2. United Islamic Organisations of Trinidad and Tobago (in this Act referred to as “the UIO”) is hereby created a body corporate.
Aims and objects	3. The aims and objects of UIO are— <i>(a)</i> to foster unity among Islamic Organisations, member bodies and individuals with the hope of achieving the pleasure of Allah; <i>(b)</i> to use the Qur’an and Sunnah as guidance for all matters in accordance with the doctrines of Ahlus Sunnah Wal Jamaa’ah, the main stream of the majority of Muslims who have continuously followed the Qur’an and Sunnah as was understood and practised by the Companions of Prophet Muhammad (Salallahu Alaihiwasalaam); <i>(c)</i> to promote and facilitate co-operation among Muslim Organisations of Trinidad and Tobago by providing a forum for exchanging information, sharing experiences and initiating dialogue for the advancement of all; <i>(d)</i> to actively promote and implement the true meaning of Unity among Muslims by co-operation, consultation and co-ordination;

- (e) to promote the passage of legislation favourable to Islam, defend Muslims against adverse legislation and public policies, and as far as possible, speak with one voice on behalf of its member bodies on issues that relate to the Muslim Community;
- (f) to give advice to the Government upon request on matters relating to the Muslim Community and the Country as a whole;
- (g) to be a link in establishing contact and co-operation with National, Regional and International Bodies;
- (h) to be a medium for developing and supporting Islamic Institutions;
- (i) to encourage Member-Bodies to teach the meaning and message of Islam;
- (j) to do all such other things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of its aims and objectives.

4. UIO shall have powers—

Powers of the UIO

- (a) to acquire by purchase, transfer, donation, exchange, demise, bequest, grant, gift, conveyance or howsoever otherwise, any real and personal property or any estate or interest therein;
- (b) to accept surrenders or reconveyances and to enter into contracts;
- (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 and personal property of whatever nature now held by or vested in any person for the use and benefit of UIO is hereby transferred to and vested in UIO.

Transfer and vesting
of property

Mode of execution of documents

6. All documents requiring the seal of UIO shall be sealed with the common seal of UIO in the presence of the Chairman and the Secretary for the time being in office, or in the event of incapacity or absence from the territory, by some other person or persons authorised for that purpose by UIO who shall both 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 UIO.

Service of documents

7. (1) UIO shall at all times have a fixed address in Trinidad and Tobago for the service of documents on it 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 UIO may be served by leaving the same at, or by sending the same by registered post to, the registered address of UIO.

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

Power to make rules

8. UIO may from time to time make rules and regulations for the proper conduct of its proceedings and discharge of its duties, powers and functions and such rules and regulations may from time to time be varied or revoked.

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.

SCHEDULE

MEMBER BODIES OF UNITED ISLAMIC ORGANISATIONS OF
TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

<i>Name of Organisation</i>	<i>Address</i>
Islamic Da'wah Movement (IDM)	P.O. Box 4285, Cunupia Post Office, Cunupia.
Iqra Productions Limited (IQRA)	Building 18-1, Yorke Avenue, O'Meara Industrial Estate, Arima.
Islamic Trust (IT)	P.O. Box 716, Port-of-Spain.
Muslim Youth Brigade	Light Pole No. 37, Calcutta Road No. 2, Freeport.
Tobago Muslim Association	Tobago Mosque, Low Lands, Tobago.
Muslim Credit Union	No. 73 Eastern Main Road, Curepe.
North Eastern Muslim Youth	Masjid al Falah, Railway Road, Arima.
UWI Islamic Society	c/o Students' Guild, UWI, St. Augustine.
Islamic Resource Society	No. 24 Queen Street, Port-of-Spain.
Islamic Housing Co-operative	No. 118 Southern Main Road, Curepe.

Passed in the Senate this 15th day of February, 2000.

N. COX

Clerk of the Senate

Passed in the House of Representatives this 24th day
of March, 2000.

J. SAMPSON-JACENT

Clerk of the House