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GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS  
BUSINESS REGULATION ADMINISTRATION



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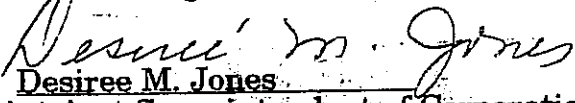
**THIS IS TO CERTIFY** that all applicable provisions of the DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA NONPROFIT CORPORATION ACT have been complied with and accordingly, this **CERTIFICATE of INCORPORATION** is hereby issued to

**COUNCIL ON AMERICAN-ISLAMIC RELATIONS, INC.**

as of **SEPTEMBER 15TH, 1994.**

Hampton Cross  
Director

Barry K. Campbell  
Administrator  
Business Regulation Administration

  
Desiree M. Jones  
Act Asst Superintendent of Corporations  
Corporations Division

Sharon Pratt Kelly  
Mayor

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

COUNCIL ON AMERICAN-ISLAMIC RELATIONS, INC.

TO: Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs  
Business Regulation Administration  
Corporations Division  
Washington, D.C.

THE UNDERSIGNED, all of whom are natural persons of the age of eighteen years or more, acting as incorporators of a corporation pursuant to the District of Columbia, Nonprofit Corporation Act, hereby certify:

ARTICLE I

The name of the corporation, hereinafter referred to as the "Corporation" is COUNCIL ON AMERICAN-ISLAMIC RELATIONS, INC.

ARTICLE II

The period of duration of the Corporation is perpetual.

ARTICLE III

The purpose or purposes for which the corporation is organized is to promote interest and understanding among the general public and government officials with regards to Islam and Muslims in North America; and conduct educational services in the fields of religion, culture, education, society, and history concerning Islamic issues both in the United States and abroad.

Said corporation is organized exclusively for the promotion of social welfare as stated under Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code (or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Law). The Corporation may receive and administer funds for social welfare purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and, to that end, the Corporation is empowered to hold any property, or any undivided interest therein, without limitation as to amount or value, to dispose of any such property and to invest, reinvest, or deal with the principal or the income in such manner as, in the judgment of the directors, will best promote the purposes of the Corporation, without limitation, except such limitations, if any, as may be contained in the instrument under which such property is received these Articles of Incorporation, the By-Laws of the Corporation, or any

applicable laws, to do any other act or thing incidental to or connected with the foregoing purposes or in advancement thereof, but not for the pecuniary profit or financial gain of its directors or officers except as permitted under the District of Columbia Non-Profit Corporation Act.

In furtherance of its exclusive promotion of social welfare, the Corporation shall have all the general powers enumerated in Section 29-505 of the District of Columbia Nonprofit Corporation Act as now in effect or as may hereafter be amended, together with the power to solicit grants and contributions for such purpose.

#### ARTICLE IV

Provisions for the regulation of the internal affairs of the Corporation, including provisions for distribution of assets or dissolution or final liquidation are as follows:

A. No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its directors, officer(s) of the Corporation, or other private persons, except that the Corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in this Article Third.

B. The Corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of (or in opposition to) any candidate for public office.

C. Notwithstanding any of the provisions of these articles, the Corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code (or the Revenue Law).

D. Upon dissolution of the Corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all the liabilities of the corporation, dispose of all of the assets of the Corporation exclusively for the purposes of the Corporation in such manner, or to such organization(s) organized and operated exclusively for the purpose of the promotion of social welfare, as the time shall qualify as an exempt organization(s) under Section 501(c)(4) of the internal Revenue Code (or the corresponding provision of any United States Internal Revenue Law), as the Board of Directors shall determine. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the court of general jurisdiction of the jurisdiction in which the principal office of the incorporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization(s), as said

court shall determine which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

E. The Corporation shall distribute its income for each taxable year at such time and in such manner as not to become subject to the tax on undistributed income imposed by Section 4942 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.

F. The Corporation shall not engage in any act of self-dealing as defined in Section 4941(d) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.

G. The Corporation shall not retain any excess business holdings as defined in Section 4943(c) of the Internal Revenue code of 1954, or corresponding provision of any subsequent federal tax laws.

H. The Corporation shall not make any taxable expenditures as defined in Section 4845(d) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.

#### ARTICLE V

The Corporation shall have one class of non-voting members.

*QUALIFICATIONS OF SUCH MEMBERS SHALL BE PROVIDED IN THE BYLAWS. CAPED*

#### ARTICLE VI

The initial street address in the District of Columbia of the initial registered office of the corporation is 1090 Vermont Avenue, N.W., Suite 430, Washington, D.C. 20005, and the name of the initial registered agent at such address is the Prentice-Hall Corporation System, Inc.

#### ARTICLE VII

The territory in which the operations of the corporation are principally to be conducted is the United States of America and its territories and possessions, but the operations of the Corporation shall not be limited to such territory.

#### ARTICLE VIII

There shall be at least three (3) directors who shall be elected or appointed as provided by the by-laws.

ARTICLE IX

The number of directors constituting the initial Board of Directors is three (3), and the names and addresses, including street and number of the persons who are to serve as the initial directors until the first annual meeting or until their successors are elected and qualified, are as follows:

~~RAFEEQ~~ *RAFIQ*  
Rafiq Jaber  
9748 South Meade  
~~Oklahoma~~, Illinois 60453  
~~OAKLAWN~~ *OAKLAWN*  
Omar Ahmad  
3335 Homestead Road  
Unit 46  
Santa Clara, California 95051

Nehad Hammad  
5804 Merton Court  
Suite 82  
Alexandria, Virginia 22311

ARTICLE X

The names and addresses of the initial incorporators are as follows:

~~RAFEEQ~~ *RAFIQ*  
Rafiq Jaber  
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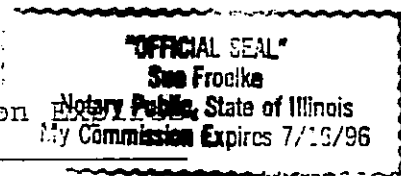
Nehad Hammad  
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Suite 82  
Alexandria, Virginia 22311

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have made and subscribed to these Articles of Incorporation this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1994.

[Signature]  
RABEQ JABER  
RABEQ JABER  
[Signature]  
OMAR AHMAD  
[Signature]  
NEHAD HAMMAD

STATE OF Illinois  
COUNTY OF Cook, to-wit:

The foregoing instrument was acknowledge before me by RABEQ JABER, this 10 day of August, 1994.



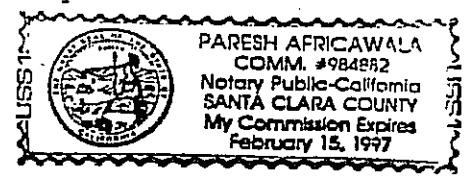
[Signature]  
Notary Public

STATE OF California  
COUNTY OF Santa Clara, to-wit:

The foregoing instrument was acknowledge before me by OMAR AHMAD, this 16th day of August, 1994.

[Signature]  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires:  
Feb 15 1997



District of Columbia  
STATE OF District of Columbia  
COUNTY OF Washington, DC, to-wit:

The foregoing instrument was acknowledge before me by NEHAD HAMMAD, this 30th day of Aug, 1994.

[Signature]  
Notary Public

JESUSA BOBBIO  
Notary Public, District of Columbia  
My Commission Expires August 31, 1996