Company Registration No. 06065201 (England and Wales)

# ISLAMIC RESEARCH FOUNDATION INTERNATIONAL TRUSTEES' REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2016

# **LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

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Mr A F S Mohamed Dr M J H Qureshi

M A Abbasi

Secretary Dr M J H Qureshi

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# TRUSTEES' REPORT

## FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2016

The trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 January 2016.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's deed of trust, the Companies Act 2006 and the Statement of Recommended Practice, "Accounting and Reporting by Charities", issued in March 2005.

#### Structure, governance and management

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year were:

Dr Z A K Naik

Mr A F S Mohamed

Dr M J H Qureshi

Dr M A K Naik

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Mr A A M Gazdar

Mr N N M Noorani

M A Abbasi

(Resigned 18 February 2016)

(Resigned 13 March 2016)

(Resigned 24 February 2016)

The power of appointing new Trustees and discharging existing Trustees shall be vested in Dr Zakir Abdul-Karim Naik, or his nominated successor.

None of the trustees has any beneficial interest in the company. All of the trustees are members of the company and guarantee to contribute £1 in the event of a winding up.

The following were related parties of the trust for this and the prior period:

The Trustees (as listed above)

Universal Broadcasting Corporation Limited

Club TV Limited

Lord Production Limited

The trustees has assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

## Objectives and activities

The charity's objects are the advancement of the faith and religious practices of Islam, religious and general education for the public benefit, the relief of poverty, sickness, distress and suffering of any persons who are in need. The charity currently has no restricted funding sources.

The main objective of the charity is to raise funds for the proper presentation, understanding and appreciation of Islam, as well as removing misconception about Islam.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

The trust's principal activity is that of securing donations for the continuation of Peace TV in furthering the objectives of IRFI. Appeals are made through broadcasts on the Peace TV network, these direct donors to the IRFI website which will allow donations via credit or debit card. To facilitate greater numbers of donations the charity operates a 24/7 call centre.

The charity uses targeted marketing campaigns in the period of Ramadan, which results in a significant influx during the period.

# TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2016

During the year, the charity continued to fund the sustenance of visual broadcasting of the Peace TV channels which are dedicated to the dissemination of researched and accurate information about the Islamic faith by academics, orators and other religious scholars.

No charitable grants were made during this or the preceding financial year.

# Achievements and performance

Appeals are made through television broadcasts which direct people to the IRFI website where donations can be made by credit/debit cards or to a 24/7 call centre. Additional donations are received by way of monthly standing orders from regular donors, bank transfers or cheque payments following donation drives.

#### Financial review

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to between three and six month's expenditure. The trustees considers that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year.

# Disclosure of information to auditors

Each of the directors has confirmed that there is no information of which they are aware which is relevant to the audit, but of which the auditor is unaware. They have further confirmed that they have taken appropriate steps to identify such relevant information and to establish that the auditors are aware of such information.

#### **Auditors**

AMS Accountants Corporate Limited were appointed auditors to the company, and are deemed to be reappointed under section 487(2) of the Companies Act 2006.

On behalf of the board of trustees

Dr M J H Qureshi

Trustee

Dated: 21 October 2016

#### STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees, who are also the directors of Islamic Research Foundation International for the purpose of company law, are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the accounts in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that year.

In preparing these accounts, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

#### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

### TO THE MEMBERS OF ISLAMIC RESEARCH FOUNDATION INTERNATIONAL

We have audited the accounts of Islamic Research Foundation International for the year ended 31 January 2016 set out on pages 6 to 10. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and its members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

### Respective responsibilities of trustees and auditors

As explained more fully in the statement of trustees' responsibilities, the trustees, who are also the directors of Islamic Research Foundation International for the purposes of company law, are responsible for the preparation of the accounts and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view.

Our responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the accounts in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards for Auditors.

#### Scope of the audit of the accounts

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the accounts sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the accounts are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of: whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the charity's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed; the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the trustees; and the overall presentation of the accounts. In addition, we read all the financial and non-financial information in the Trustees' Annual Report to identify material inconsistencies with the audited accounts and to identify any information that is apparently materially incorrect based on, or materially inconsistent with, the knowledge acquired by us in the course of performing the audit. If we become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies we consider the implications for our report.

# Opinion on accounts

In our opinion the accounts:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 January 2016 and of
  its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year
  then ended:
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

# Opinion on other matter prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion the information given in the Trustees' Report for the financial year for which the accounts are prepared is consistent with the accounts.

# INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT (CONTINUED) TO THE MEMBERS OF ISLAMIC RESEARCH FOUNDATION INTERNATIONAL

# Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the accounts are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Other matter

This is the first year of our engagement as auditors, the previous accounts were audited by another qualified firm.

Mr David Clegg (Senior Statutory Auditor)

for and on behalf of AMS Accountants Corporate Limited

**Chartered Accountants** 

**Statutory Auditor** 

Queens Court

24 Queen Street

Manchester

M2 5HX

Dated: 28 October 2016

# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

# FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2016

Incoming resources from generated funds  Donations and legacies	Notes 2	2016 £ 951,356	2015 £ (restated) 972,490
Resources expended Charitable activities	3		
Payments made to support Peace TV Payment to AI noor foundation		994,848 11,000	801,779
Total charitable expenditure		1,005,848	801,779
Governance costs		26,896	18,272
Total resources expended		1,032,744	820,051
Net (expenditure)/income for the year/ Net movement in funds		(81,388)	152,439
Fund balances at 1 February 2015		452,045	299,606
Fund balances at 31 January 2016		370,657	452,045

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

# BALANCE SHEET

# AS AT 31 JANUARY 2016

		2016		2015 (restated)	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Current assets					
Debtors	8	54,062		135,772	
Cash at bank and in hand		321,995		322,873	
Craditore, amounts falling due within		376,057		458,645	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	(5,400)		(6,600)	
Total assets less current liabilities			370,657		452,045
	2		-		====
Income funds Unrestricted funds:					
Designated funds	10		401,218		482,606
Other charitable funds			(30,561)		(30,561)
			370,657		452,045

The accounts were approved by the Board on 21 October 2016

Dr M J H Qureshi

Trustee

Company Registration No. 06065201

# NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2016

# 1 Accounting policies

#### 1.1 Basis of preparation

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The charity has taken advantage of the exemption in Financial Reporting Standard No 1 from the requirement to produce a cash flow statement on the grounds that it is a small charity.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards, the Statement of Recommended Practice, "Accounting and Reporting by Charities", issued in March 2005 and the Companies Act 2006.

#### 1.2 Incoming resources

Donations, legacies and other forms of voluntary income are recognised as incoming resources when receivable, except insofar as they are incapable of financial measurement.

#### 1.3 Resources expended

Expenditure is accounted for on the accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued expenditure.

#### 1.4 Accumulated funds

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the accounts.

Designated funds comprise funds which have been set aside at the discretion of the trustees for specific purposes. The purposes and uses of the designated funds are set out in the notes to the accounts.

#### 2 Donations and legacies

	2016 £	2015 £
Donations and gifts	951,356	972,490

# NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2016

3	Total resources expended				
		Other costs	Grant funding	Total 2016	Total 2015
		£	£	£	£
	Charitable activities  Payments made to support Peace TV  Grant funding of activities	<u>~</u>	994,848	994,848	801,779
	Grant funding of activities	-	334,040	334,040	001,773
	Payment to Al noor foundation				
	Grant funding of activities	-	11,000	11,000	-
		8=	1,005,848	1,005,848	801,779
	Governance costs	26,896	_	26,896	18,272
	_	26,896	1,005,848	1,032,744	820,051
	Governance costs includes payments to the auditors of	£4,200 (20	15: £4,200) fo	or audit fees.	
4	Grants payable			2016 £	2015 £
	Payments made to support Peace TV Payment to Al noor foundation			994,848 11,000	801,779 -

# 5 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

1,005,848

801,779

# 6 Employees

There were no employees during the year.

### 7 Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

# NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2016

8	Debtors	2016 £	2015 £
	Trade debtors	54,062	135,772
9	Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2016 £	2015 £
	Accruals	5,400	6,600

# 10 Designated funds

The income funds of the charity include the following designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes:

	Movement in funds			
	Balance at 1 February 2015	Inflow	Outflow	Balance at 31 January 2016
	£	£	£	£
General fund	432,461	830,516	(947,744)	315,233
United Islamic Aid	50,145	120,840	(85,000)	85,985
	482,606	951,356	(1,032,744)	401,218

# 11 Related parties

Universal Broadcasting Corporation Limited is a related party by virtue of the following Islamic Research Foundation International Trustees also being directors in Universal Broadcasting Corporation Limited.

Dr Z A K Naik
Dr A F S Mohamed
Dr M A K Naik
Mr N N M Noorani
Dr M J H Quereshi
Mr A A M Gadzar
Mr M A Abbsai

During the year, charitable donations of £994,848 (2015 - £801,779) were made to Universal Broadcasting Corporation Limited (UBCL); the company which holds the broadcasting licences for Peace TV. Lord Production Ltd holds the licence to Peace TV English, a wholly owned subsidiary of UBCL. Club TV Ltd holds the licence to Peace TV Urdu, a wholly owned subsidiary of UBCL.

# NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2016

# 12 Prior year adjustments

During the current year a prior period adjustment has been identified. The effect of this adjustment has reduced the funds balance £30,240 as a result of incorrectly analysed grant payments.

The funds brought forward have been corrected and the trustees believe this to be the accurate position.