

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except black lung benefit trust or private foundation)

2009

Open to Public Inspection

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements

A For the 2009 calendar year, or tax year beginning, 2009, and ending, 20

Form header section containing B (Check if applicable), C (Name of organization: MIDDLE EAST RESEARCH & INFO PROJECT), D (Employer identification no: 04-2552770), E (Telephone number: (202) 223-3677), F (Name and address of principal officer: CHRISOTPHER TOENSING), G (Gross receipts: \$ 244,093), I (Tax-exempt status: 501(c)(3)), J (Website: N/A), K (Form of organization: Corporation), L (Year of formation), M (State of legal domicile: DC)

Part I Summary

Summary table with rows for: 1. Mission (PROMOTE HUMAN RIGHTS VALUES AND PROVIDE INFORMATION ON HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES), 2-7. Governance & Activities, 8-12. Revenue, 13-19. Expenses, 20-22. Net Assets or Fund Balances

Part II Signature Block

Signature block section with declaration: 'Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return...' and signature of Christopher Toensing, Exec. Director, dated July 8, 2010.

Preparer's section with signature of Eric Bolin, CPA PC, dated 07-06-2010, and firm address: 6110 Executive Blvd #232, Rockville, MD 20852.

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (see instructions) Yes No

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Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

1 Briefly, describe the organization's mission:
PROMOTE HUMAN RIGHTS VALUES AND PROVIDE
INFORMATION ON HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES

2 Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on
the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ? Yes No
If "Yes," describe these new services on Schedule O

3 Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program
services? Yes No
If "Yes," describe these changes on Schedule O

4 Describe the exempt purpose achievements for each of the organization's three largest program services by expenses
Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) trusts are required to report the amount of grants and
allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported

4a (Code ) (Expenses \$ 205,876 including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ 127,271 )
TO SUPPORT RESEARCH, PUBLICATION, & DISTRIBUTION OF
INFORMATION, INCLUDING PRINT, AIMED AT PROMOTING THE CULTURAL LEGITIMACY
OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE ARAB WORLD (PUB. & DITRIB.)

4b (Code ) (Expenses \$ 5,771 including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )
MIDDLE EAST PEACE PROGRAM TO PROVIDE RELEVANT
INFORMATION FOR THE PEACE PROCESS

4c (Code ) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )

4d Other program services (Describe in Schedule O )
(Expenses \$ including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )

4e Total program service expenses 211,647

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

Table with 3 main columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows 1-20 contain various organizational requirements with 'X' marks in the Yes or No columns.

**Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules** (continued)

		Yes	No
21	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 1? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II . . . . .		X
22	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants and other assistance to individuals in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 2? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III . . . . .		X
23	Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, line 3, 4, or 5 about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? If "Yes," complete Schedule J . . . . .		X
24a	Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25 . . . . .		X
b	Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception? . . . . .		
c	Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds? . . . . .		
d	Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year? . . . . .		
25a	<b>Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations.</b> Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I . . . . .		X
b	Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I . . . . .		X
26	Was a loan to or by a current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, highly compensated employee, or disqualified person outstanding as of the end of the organization's tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II . . . . .		X
27	Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor, or a grant selection committee member, or to a person related to such an individual? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III . . . . .		X
28	Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties (see Schedule L, Part IV instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions)		
a	A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV . . . . .		X
b	A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV . . . . .		X
c	An entity of which a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee of the organization (or a family member) was an officer, director, trustee, or direct or indirect owner? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV . . . . .		X
29	Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M . . . . .		X
30	Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M . . . . .		X
31	Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I . . . . .		X
32	Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II . . . . .		X
33	Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I . . . . .		X
34	Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Parts II, III, IV, and V, line 1 . . . . .		X
35	Is any related organization a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2 . . . . .		X
36	<b>Section 501(c)(3) organizations.</b> Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2 . . . . .		X
37	Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI . . . . .		X
38	Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11 and 19? <b>Note.</b> All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O . . . . .		X

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

Table with columns for question number, description, and Yes/No checkboxes. Includes sections for backup withholding, employee reporting, foreign accounts, prohibited tax shelter transactions, and contributions.

Part VI Governance, Management, and Disclosure For each "Yes" response to lines 2 through 7b below, and

for a "No" response to line 8a, 8b, or 10b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes in Schedule O See instructions

Section A. Governing Body and Management

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include: 1a Enter the number of voting members of the governing body (15); 1b Enter the number of voting members that are independent (15); 2 Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee? (X); 3 Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person? (X); 4 Did the organization make any significant changes to its organizational documents since the prior Form 990 was filed? (X); 5 Did the organization become aware during the year of a material diversion of the organization's assets? (X); 6 Does the organization have members or stockholders? (X); 7a Does the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who may elect one or more members of the governing body? (X); 7b Are any decisions of the governing body subject to approval by members, stockholders, or other persons? (X); 8 Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following: a The governing body? (X); b Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body? (X); 9 Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses in Schedule O (X).

Section B. Policies (This Section B requests information about policies not required by the Internal Revenue Code )

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include: 10a Does the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates? (X); 10b If "Yes," does the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with those of the organization?; 11 Has the organization provided a copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form? (X); 11a Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990; 12a Does the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13 (X); 12b Are officers, directors or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts? (X); 12c Does the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this is done (X); 13 Does the organization have a written whistleblower policy? (X); 14 Does the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy? (X); 15 Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision? a The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official (X); b Other officers or key employees of the organization (X); If "Yes" to line 15a or 15b, describe the process in Schedule O (See instructions); 16a Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year? (X); 16b If "Yes," has the organization adopted a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and taken steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements?

Section C. Disclosure

- 17 List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed
18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you make these available. Check all that apply. [ ] Own website [ ] Another's website [X] Upon request
19 Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how), the organization makes its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public
20 State the name, physical address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the books and records of the organization: Barbra Neuwirth (202) 223-3677, 1500 Mass Ave NW Ste 119 Washington, DC 20005

**Part VII Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors**

**Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees**

1a Complete this table for all persons required to be listed Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year Use Schedule J-2 if additional space is needed

- List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid
- List all of the organization's **current** key employees See instructions for definition of "key employee "
- List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee, or key employee) who received reportable compensation (Box 5 of Form W-2 and/or Box 7 of Form 1099-MISC) of more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations
- List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, and highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations
- List all of the organization's **former directors or trustees** that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than \$10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations

List persons in the following order individual trustees or directors, institutional trustees, officers, key employees, highest compensated employees, and former such persons

Check this box if the organization did not compensate any current officer, director or trustee

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week	(C) Position (check all that apply)							(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former officer, director, trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee	Former institutional trustee			
JULIAN SCHWEDLER CHAIR	4.00	X									
BRUCE DUNN VICE-CHAIRMAN	4.00	X						0	0	0	
SINAN ANTOON DIRECTOR	2.00	X						0	0	0	
LISA HAJJAR DIRECTOR	2.00	X						0	0	0	
ASLI BALI DIRECTOR	2.00	X						0	0	0	
ALFED KHOURY Direktor	2.00	X						0	0	0	
ZIA MIAN DIRECTOR	2.00	X						0	0	0	
MOUSTAFA BAYOUMI DIRECTOR	2.00	X						0	0	0	
PETE MOORE DIRECTOR	2.00	X						0	0	0	
SHIVA BALAGHI DIRECTOR	2.00	X						0	0	0	
CHRISOTPHER TOENSING EXEC. DIRECTOR	42.00			X				48,000	0	0	
ROCHELLE DAVIS DIRECTOR	2.00	X						0	0	0	
ARANG KESHAVARZIAN DIRECTOR	2.00	X						0	0	0	
LOUISE CAINKER DIRECTOR	2.00	X						0	0	0	
KAVEH EHSANI DIRECTOR	2.00	X						0	0	0	
LARA DEEB DIRECTOR	2.00	X						0	0	0	

**Part VII** Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees (continued)

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week	(C) Position (check all that apply)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual director	Individual trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
BASSAM HADDAD DIRECTOR	2.00	X						0	0	0
ESRA OZYUREK DIRECTOR	2.00	X						0	0	0
JULIE PETEET DIRECTOR	2.00	X						0	0	0
SHIRE ROBINSON DIRECTR	2.00	X						0	0	0
TED SWEDENBURG DIRECTOR	2.00	X						0	0	0
GEORGE R TRUMBULL IV DIRECTOR	2.00	X						0	0	0
<b>1b Total</b> . . . . . ▶								48,000	0	0

**2** Total number of individuals (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 in reportable compensation from the organization ▶ 0

	Yes	No
<b>3</b> Did the organization list any <b>former</b> officer, director or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual . . . . .		X
<b>4</b> For any individual listed on line 1a, is the sum of reportable compensation and other compensation from the organization and related organizations greater than \$150,000? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual . . . . .		X
<b>5</b> Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization for services rendered to the organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person . . . . .		X

**Section B: Independent Contractors**

**1** Complete this table for your five highest compensated independent contractors that received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization

(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of services	(C) Compensation

**2** Total number of independent contractors (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 in compensation from the organization ▶

<b>Part VIII</b>		<b>Statement of Revenue</b>		(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	
				Total revenue	Related or exempt function revenue	Unrelated business revenue	Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512, 513, or 514	
Contributions, gifts, grants and other similar amounts	1a	Federated campaigns . . . . .	1a					
	b	Membership dues . . . . .	1b					
	c	Fundraising events . . . . .	1c					
	d	Related organizations . . . . .	1d					
	e	Government grants (contributions) . . . . .	1e					
	f	All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f	116,314				
	g	Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f \$						
	h	<b>Total.</b> Add lines 1a-1f . . . . . ▶			116,314			
Program Service Revenue	2a	MAGAZINE/LITERATURE	Business Code	511120	127,271	127,271		
	b							
	c							
	d							
	e							
	f	All other program service revenue . . . . .						
	g	<b>Total.</b> Add lines 2a-2f . . . . . ▶			127,271			
Other Revenue	3	Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts) . . . . . ▶		508	508			
	4	Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds . . . ▶						
	5	Royalties . . . . . ▶						
	6a	Gross Rents . . . . .	(i) Real	(ii) Personal				
	b	Less rental expenses . . . . .						
	c	Rental income or (loss) . . . . .						
d	Net rental income or (loss) . . . . . ▶							
7a	Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities	(ii) Other					
b	Less cost or other basis and sales expenses . . . . .							
c	Gain or (loss) . . . . .							
d	Net gain or (loss) . . . . . ▶							
8a	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ of contributions reported on line 1c) See Part IV, line 18 . . . . . a							
b	Less direct expenses . . . . . b							
c	Net income or (loss) from fundraising events . . . . . ▶							
9a	Gross income from gaming activities See Part IV, line 19 . . . . . a							
b	Less direct expenses . . . . . b							
c	Net income or (loss) from gaming activities . . . . . ▶							
10a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances . . . . . a							
b	Less cost of goods sold . . . . . b							
c	Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory . . . . . ▶							
Miscellaneous Revenue		Business Code						
11a								
b								
c								
d	All other revenue . . . . .							
e	<b>Total.</b> Add lines 11a-11d . . . . . ▶							
12	<b>Total revenue.</b> See instructions . . . . . ▶			244,093	127,779	0	0	

**Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses**

Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete all columns.

All other organizations must complete column (A) but are not required to complete columns (B), (C), and (D).

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1 Grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the U S See Part IV, line 21 . . . . .				
2 Grants and other assistance to individuals in the U S See Part IV, line 22 . . . . .	500	500		
3 Grants and other assistance to governments, organizations, and individuals outside the U S See Part IV, lines 15 and 16 . . . . .				
4 Benefits paid to or for members . . . . .				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees . . . . .	48,000	25,773	17,782	4,445
6 Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B) . . . . .				
7 Other salaries and wages . . . . .	40,911	40,911		
8 Pension plan contributions (include section 401(k) and section 403(b) employer contributions) . . . . .	1,746		1,746	
9 Other employee benefits . . . . .	7,973	5,478	2,495	
10 Payroll taxes . . . . .	7,072	3,536	3,536	
11 Fees for services (non-employees)				
a Management . . . . .				
b Legal . . . . .				
c Accounting . . . . .	8,200		8,200	
d Lobbying . . . . .				
e Professional fundraising services See Part IV, line 17 . . . . .				
f Investment management fees . . . . .				
g Other . . . . .				
12 Advertising and promotion . . . . .				
13 Office expenses . . . . .	14,375	7,300	7,075	
14 Information technology . . . . .	29,373		29,373	
15 Royalties . . . . .				
16 Occupancy . . . . .	21,463	17,170	4,293	
17 Travel . . . . .	4,220	2,147	2,073	
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials . . . . .				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings . . . . .	1,807		1,807	
20 Interest . . . . .	4		4	
21 Payments to affiliates . . . . .				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization . . . . .	740		740	
23 Insurance . . . . .	3,440		3,440	
24 Other expenses Itemize expenses not covered above (Expenses grouped together and labeled miscellaneous may not exceed 5% of total expenses shown on line 25 below )				
a MISCELLANEOUS	3,731	2,297	1,434	
b OTHER PROG, WEBSITE	11,360	11,360		
c MAILING, SHIPPING	7,923	2,705	1,803	3,415
d MAGAZINE PRODUCTION	46,227	46,227		
e SPECIAL PUBLICATIONS	14,871	14,871		
f All other expenses . . . . .				
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24f . . . . .	273,936	180,275	85,801	7,860
26 Joint Costs. Check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation. . . . .				

<b>Part X Balance Sheet</b>		(A)		(B)
		Beginning of year		End of year
<b>A s s e t s</b>	<b>1</b> Cash - non-interest-bearing . . . . .	86,103	<b>1</b>	57,864
	<b>2</b> Savings and temporary cash investments . . . . .		<b>2</b>	
	<b>3</b> Pledges and grants receivable, net . . . . .		<b>3</b>	
	<b>4</b> Accounts receivable, net . . . . .		<b>4</b>	1,500
	<b>5</b> Receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees Complete Part II of Schedule L . . . . .		<b>5</b>	
	<b>6</b> Receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B) Complete Part II of Schedule L . . . . .		<b>6</b>	
	<b>7</b> Notes and loans receivable, net . . . . .		<b>7</b>	
	<b>8</b> Inventories for sale or use . . . . .		<b>8</b>	
	<b>9</b> Prepaid expenses and deferred charges . . . . .		<b>9</b>	
	<b>10a</b> Land, buildings, and equipment cost or other basis Complete Part VI of Schedule D. . . . .	<b>10a</b>		
	<b>b</b> Less accumulated depreciation . . . . .	<b>10b</b>		<b>10c</b>
	<b>11</b> Investments - publicly traded securities . . . . .		<b>11</b>	
	<b>12</b> Investments - other securities. See Part IV, line 11 . . . . .		<b>12</b>	
	<b>13</b> Investments - program-related See Part IV, line 11. . . . .		<b>13</b>	
	<b>14</b> Intangible assets . . . . .		<b>14</b>	
	<b>15</b> Other assets See Part IV, line 11 . . . . .		<b>15</b>	
<b>16 Total assets.</b> Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34) . . . . .		86,103	<b>16</b>	59,364
<b>L i a b i l i t i e s</b>	<b>17</b> Accounts payable and accrued expenses . . . . .		<b>17</b>	2,363
	<b>18</b> Grants payable . . . . .		<b>18</b>	
	<b>19</b> Deferred revenue . . . . .		<b>19</b>	
	<b>20</b> Tax-exempt bond liabilities . . . . .		<b>20</b>	
	<b>21</b> Escrow or custodial account liability Complete Part IV of Schedule D . . . . .		<b>21</b>	
	<b>22</b> Payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons Complete Part II of Schedule L . . . . .		<b>22</b>	
	<b>23</b> Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties . . . . .		<b>23</b>	
	<b>24</b> Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties . . . . .		<b>24</b>	
	<b>25</b> Other liabilities Complete Part X of Schedule D . . . . .		<b>25</b>	
	<b>26 Total liabilities.</b> Add lines 17 through 25 . . . . .		0	<b>26</b>
<b>N e t A s s e t B a l a n c e s</b>	<b>Organizations that follow SFAS 117, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.</b>			
	<b>27</b> Unrestricted net assets . . . . .	86,844	<b>27</b>	57,001
	<b>28</b> Temporarily restricted net assets . . . . .		<b>28</b>	
	<b>29</b> Permanently restricted net assets . . . . .		<b>29</b>	
	<b>Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34.</b>			
	<b>30</b> Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds . . . . .		<b>30</b>	
	<b>31</b> Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund . . . . .		<b>31</b>	
	<b>32</b> Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds . . . . .		<b>32</b>	
	<b>33 Total net assets or fund balances</b> . . . . .	86,844	<b>33</b>	57,001
	<b>34 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances</b> . . . . .	86,844	<b>34</b>	59,364

**Part XI Financial Statements and Reporting**

		Yes	No
<b>1</b>	Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990 <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ If the organization changed its methods of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O		
<b>2a</b>	Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant? . . . . .		X
<b>b</b>	Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant? . . . . .	X	
<b>c</b>	If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant? . . . . . If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O		X
<b>d</b>	If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were issued on a consolidated basis, separate basis, or both <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis		
<b>3a</b>	As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133? . . . . .		X
<b>b</b>	If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits . . . . .		

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Part II Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I)

Section A. Public Support

Table with 7 columns: (a) 2005, (b) 2006, (c) 2007, (d) 2008, (e) 2009, (f) Total. Rows include: 1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received; 2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit; 3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit; 4 Total. Add lines 1 through 3; 5 The portion of total contributions by each person; 6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4.

Section B. Total Support

Table with 7 columns: (a) 2005, (b) 2006, (c) 2007, (d) 2008, (e) 2009, (f) Total. Rows include: 7 Amounts from line 4; 8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources; 9 Net income from unrelated business activities; 10 Other income Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets; 11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10; 12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc (see instructions); 13 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here.

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

Table with 3 columns: Description, Line Number, Percentage. Rows include: 14 Public support percentage for 2009 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f)); 15 Public support percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part II, line 14; 16a 33 1/3% support test - 2009; 16b 33 1/3% support test - 2008; 17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test - 2009; 17b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test - 2008; 18 Private foundation.

**Part III Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Section 509(a)(2)**

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 9 of Part I)

**Section A. Public Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
<b>1</b> Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants") . . . . .	99,539	68,330	152,899	105,074	116,314	542,156
<b>2</b> Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose . . . . .	187,581	119,251	131,744	134,641	127,271	700,488
<b>3</b> Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under sec 513 . . . . .						
<b>4</b> Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf. . . . .						
<b>5</b> The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge . . . . .						
<b>6 Total.</b> Add lines 1 through 5 . . . . .	287,120	187,581	284,643	239,715	243,585	1,242,644
<b>7a</b> Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons . . . . .						
<b>b</b> Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year . . . . .					45,000	45,000
<b>c</b> Add lines 7a and 7b . . . . .					45,000	45,000
<b>8 Public support</b> (Subtract line 7c from line 6.) . . . . .						1,197,644

**Section B. Total Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
<b>9</b> Amounts from line 6 . . . . .	287,120	187,581	284,643	239,715	243,585	1,242,644
<b>10a</b> Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources . . . . .	752	1,547	1,125	911	508	4,843
<b>b</b> Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975 . . . . .						
<b>c</b> Add lines 10a and 10b . . . . .	752	1,547	1,125	911	508	4,843
<b>11</b> Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on . . . . .						
<b>12</b> Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV) . . . . .						
<b>13 Total support.</b> (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12) . . . . .						1,247,487

**14 First five years.** If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here.

**Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage**

<b>15</b> Public support percentage for 2009 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f)) . . . . .	15	96.00	%
<b>16</b> Public support percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part III, line 15 . . . . .	16		%

**Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage**

<b>17</b> Investment income percentage for 2009 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f)) . . . . .	17	0.39	%
<b>18</b> Investment income percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part III, line 17 . . . . .	18		%

**19a 33 1/3% support tests - 2009.** If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 17 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

**b 33 1/3% support tests - 2008.** If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

**20 Private Foundation:** If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions

**SCHEDULE O  
(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization

MIDDLE EAST RESEARCH & INFO PROJECT

**Supplemental Information to Form 990**

Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on  
Form 990 or to provide any additional information.

▶ Attach to Form 990.

OMB No 1545-0047

**2009**

**Open to Public  
Inspection**

Employer identification number

04-2552770

01. Governing body meeting documentation (Part VI, line 8a)

DOCUMENTATION AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST.

02. Governing documents, etc, available to public (Part VI, line 19)

DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE ON WEBSITE OR UPON REQUEST.

Application for Extension of Time to File an Exempt Organization Return

File a separate application for each return.

- If you are filing for an Automatic 3-Month Extension, complete only Part I and check this box
If you are filing for an Additional (Not Automatic) 3-Month Extension, complete only Part II (on page 2 of this form)

Do not complete Part II unless you have already been granted an automatic 3-month extension on a previously filed Form 8868

Part I Automatic 3-Month Extension of Time. Only submit original (no copies needed)

A corporation required to file Form 990-T and requesting an automatic 6-month extension - check this box and complete Part I only.

All other corporations (including 1120-C filers), partnerships, REMICs, and trusts must use Form 7004 to request an extension of time to file income tax returns

Electronic Filing (e-file). Generally, you can electronically file Form 8868 if you want a 3-month automatic extension of time to file one of the returns noted below (6 months for a corporation required to file Form 990-T) However, you cannot file Form 8868 electronically if (1) you want the additional (not automatic) 3-month extension or (2) you file Forms 990-BL, 6069, or 8870, group returns, or a composite or consolidated Form 990-T

Table with 3 columns: Type or print, Name of Exempt Organization, Employer identification number. Includes address: MIDDLE EAST RESEARCH & INFO PROJECT, 1500 MASSACHUSETTS AVE NW, WASHINGTON, DC 20005

Check type of return to be filed (file a separate application for each return)

- Form 990, Form 990-T (corporation), Form 990-T (sec 401(a) or 408(a) trust), Form 990-T (trust other than above), Form 1041-A, Form 990-BL, Form 990-EZ, Form 990-PF, Form 4720, Form 5227, Form 6069, Form 8870

The books are in the care of Barbra Neuwirth 1500 Mass. Ave NW Ste 119, DC 20005

Telephone No 202-223-3677 FAX No

- If the organization does not have an office or place of business in the United States, check this box
If this is for a Group Return, enter the organization's four digit Group Exemption Number (GEN) If this is for the whole group, check this box If it is for part of the group, check this box and attach a list with the names and EINs of all members the extension will cover

1 I request an automatic 3-month (6 months for a corporation required to file Form 990-T) extension of time until 08-16, 20 10, to file the exempt organization return for the organization named above The extension is for the organization's return for calendar year 20 09 or tax year beginning, 20, and ending, 20

2 If this tax year is for less than 12 months, check reason Initial return Final return Change in accounting period

Table with 3 columns: Description, 3a, 3b, 3c. Includes tentative tax, refundable credits, and balance due.

Caution. If you are going to make an electronic fund withdrawal with this Form 8868, see Form 8453-EO and Form 8879-EO for payment instructions