

Return of Private Foundation

or Section 4947(a)(1) Trust Treated as Private Foundation

2017

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Internal Revenue Service

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For calendar year 2017 or tax year beginning

, and ending

Name of foundation FAIRTRADE INTERNATIONAL USA, INC.		A Employer identification number 45-5481499
Number and street (or P.O. box number if mail is not delivered to street address) 1400 EYE STREET NW	Room/suite 425	B Telephone number (202) 391-0525
City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code WASHINGTON, DC 20005		C If exemption application is pending, check here <input type="checkbox"/>
G Check all that apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Initial return of a former public charity <input type="checkbox"/> Final return <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change		D 1. Foreign organizations, check here <input type="checkbox"/> 2. Foreign organizations meeting the 85% test, check here and attach computation <input type="checkbox"/>
H Check type of organization: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Section 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation <input type="checkbox"/> Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust <input type="checkbox"/> Other taxable private foundation		E If private foundation status was terminated under section 507(b)(1)(A), check here <input type="checkbox"/>
I Fair market value of all assets at end of year (from Part II, col. (c), line 16) ▶ \$ 1,985,191.	J Accounting method: <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____	F If the foundation is in a 60-month termination under section 507(b)(1)(B), check here <input type="checkbox"/>

Part I Analysis of Revenue and Expenses <small>(The total of amounts in columns (b), (c), and (d) may not necessarily equal the amounts in column (a).)</small>		(a) Revenue and expenses per books	(b) Net investment income	(c) Adjusted net income	(d) Disbursements for charitable purposes (cash basis only)
Revenue	1 Contributions, gifts, grants, etc., received	71,935.			
	2 Check <input type="checkbox"/> if the foundation is not required to attach Sch. B				
	3 Interest on savings and temporary cash investments	762.	762.	762.	STATEMENT 1
	4 Dividends and interest from securities				
	5a Gross rents				
	b Net rental income or (loss)				
	6a Net gain or (loss) from sale of assets not on line 10				
	b Gross sales price for all assets on line 6a				
	7 Capital gain net income (from Part IV, line 2)		0.		
	8 Net short-term capital gain			0.	
	9 Income modifications				
	10a Gross sales less returns and allowances				
b Less: Cost of goods sold					
c Gross profit or (loss)					
11 Other income	2,949,850.	0.	2,949,850.	STATEMENT 2	
12 Total. Add lines 1 through 11	3,022,547.	762.	2,950,612.		
Operating and Administrative Expenses	13 Compensation of officers, directors, trustees, etc.	440,060.	0.	421,351.	18,710.
	14 Other employee salaries and wages	667,062.	0.	638,702.	28,359.
	15 Pension plans, employee benefits	89,425.	0.	85,623.	3,802.
	16a Legal fees STMT 3	6,434.	0.	6,160.	274.
	b Accounting fees STMT 4	22,282.	0.	21,335.	947.
	c Other professional fees STMT 5	1,201,971.	0.	1,150,870.	51,101.
	17 Interest	50.	0.	49.	1.
	18 Taxes STMT 6	82,705.	0.	79,189.	3,516.
	19 Depreciation and depletion	18,148.	0.	18,148.	
	20 Occupancy	141,670.	0.	135,647.	6,023.
	21 Travel, conferences, and meetings	234,011.	0.	215,551.	18,460.
	22 Printing and publications	3,891.	0.	3,726.	165.
	23 Other expenses STMT 7	186,611.	4,611.	174,261.	7,739.
	24 Total operating and administrative expenses. Add lines 13 through 23	3,094,320.	4,611.	2,950,612.	139,097.
	25 Contributions, gifts, grants paid	6,500.			6,500.
26 Total expenses and disbursements. Add lines 24 and 25	3,100,820.	4,611.	2,950,612.	145,597.	
27 Subtract line 26 from line 12:					
a Excess of revenue over expenses and disbursements	-78,273.				
b Net investment income (if negative, enter -0-)		0.			
c Adjusted net income (if negative, enter -0-)			0.		

Part II Balance Sheets <small>Attached schedules and amounts in the description column should be for end-of-year amounts only.</small>		Beginning of year	End of year	
		(a) Book Value	(b) Book Value	(c) Fair Market Value
Assets	1 Cash - non-interest-bearing	514,667.	497,560.	497,560.
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	402,704.	405,261.	405,261.
	3 Accounts receivable ▶ 940,703.			
	Less: allowance for doubtful accounts ▶	761,703.	940,703.	940,703.
	4 Pledges receivable ▶			
	Less: allowance for doubtful accounts ▶			
	5 Grants receivable			
	6 Receivables due from officers, directors, trustees, and other disqualified persons			
	7 Other notes and loans receivable ▶			
	Less: allowance for doubtful accounts ▶			
	8 Inventories for sale or use			
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	48,551.	56,057.	56,057.
	10a Investments - U.S. and state government obligations			
	b Investments - corporate stock			
	c Investments - corporate bonds			
	11 Investments - land, buildings, and equipment: basis ▶			
Less: accumulated depreciation ▶				
12 Investments - mortgage loans				
13 Investments - other				
14 Land, buildings, and equipment: basis ▶ 94,516.				
Less: accumulated depreciation ▶ 32,085.	75,464.	62,431.	62,431.	
15 Other assets (describe ▶ STATEMENT 8)	23,179.	23,179.	23,179.	
16 Total assets (to be completed by all filers - see the instructions. Also, see page 1, item I)	1,826,268.	1,985,191.	1,985,191.	
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	422,436.	642,012.	
	18 Grants payable			
	19 Deferred revenue			
	20 Loans from officers, directors, trustees, and other disqualified persons			
	21 Mortgages and other notes payable			
	22 Other liabilities (describe ▶ STATEMENT 9)	41,807.	59,427.	
23 Total liabilities (add lines 17 through 22)	464,243.	701,439.		
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Foundations that follow SFAS 117, check here ▶ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 24 through 26, and lines 30 and 31.			
	24 Unrestricted	1,362,025.	1,283,752.	
	25 Temporarily restricted			
	26 Permanently restricted			
	Foundations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 31.			
	27 Capital stock, trust principal, or current funds			
	28 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, bldg., and equipment fund			
	29 Retained earnings, accumulated income, endowment, or other funds			
30 Total net assets or fund balances	1,362,025.	1,283,752.		
31 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	1,826,268.	1,985,191.		

Part III Analysis of Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances

1 Total net assets or fund balances at beginning of year - Part II, column (a), line 30 (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)	1	1,362,025.
2 Enter amount from Part I, line 27a	2	-78,273.
3 Other increases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶	3	0.
4 Add lines 1, 2, and 3	4	1,283,752.
5 Decreases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶	5	0.
6 Total net assets or fund balances at end of year (line 4 minus line 5) - Part II, column (b), line 30	6	1,283,752.

Part IV Capital Gains and Losses for Tax on Investment Income

	(a) List and describe the kind(s) of property sold (for example, real estate, 2-story brick warehouse; or common stock, 200 shs. MLC Co.)	(b) How acquired P - Purchase D - Donation	(c) Date acquired (mo., day, yr.)	(d) Date sold (mo., day, yr.)
1a				
b	NONE			
c				
d				
e				

	(e) Gross sales price	(f) Depreciation allowed (or allowable)	(g) Cost or other basis plus expense of sale	(h) Gain or (loss) ((e) plus (f) minus (g))
a				
b				
c				
d				
e				

Complete only for assets showing gain in column (h) and owned by the foundation on 12/31/69.			(l) Gains (Col. (h) gain minus col. (k), but not less than -0-) or Losses (from col. (h))
(i) FMV as of 12/31/69	(j) Adjusted basis as of 12/31/69	(k) Excess of col. (i) over col. (j), if any	
a			
b			
c			
d			
e			

2	Capital gain net income or (net capital loss) { If gain, also enter in Part I, line 7 If (loss), enter -0- in Part I, line 7	2
3	Net short-term capital gain or (loss) as defined in sections 1222(5) and (6): If gain, also enter in Part I, line 8, column (c). If (loss), enter -0- in Part I, line 8	3

Part V Qualification Under Section 4940(e) for Reduced Tax on Net Investment Income

(For optional use by domestic private foundations subject to the section 4940(a) tax on net investment income.)

If section 4940(d)(2) applies, leave this part blank.

Was the foundation liable for the section 4942 tax on the distributable amount of any year in the base period? Yes No
 If "Yes," the foundation doesn't qualify under section 4940(e). Do not complete this part.

1 Enter the appropriate amount in each column for each year; see the instructions before making any entries.

(a) Base period years Calendar year (or tax year beginning in)	(b) Adjusted qualifying distributions	(c) Net value of noncharitable-use assets	(d) Distribution ratio (col. (b) divided by col. (c))
2016			
2015			
2014			
2013			
2012			

2	Total of line 1, column (d)	2
3	Average distribution ratio for the 5-year base period - divide the total on line 2 by 5.0, or by the number of years the foundation has been in existence if less than 5 years	3
4	Enter the net value of noncharitable-use assets for 2017 from Part X, line 5	4
5	Multiply line 4 by line 3	5
6	Enter 1% of net investment income (1% of Part I, line 27b)	6
7	Add lines 5 and 6	7
8	Enter qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4	8

If line 8 is equal to or greater than line 7, check the box in Part VI, line 1b, and complete that part using a 1% tax rate. See the Part VI instructions.

Part VI Excise Tax Based on Investment Income (Section 4940(a), 4940(b), 4940(e), or 4948 - see instructions)

Table with 11 rows for excise tax calculations. Includes fields for exempt foundations, tax under section 511, credits/payments, and tax due. Total tax due is 0.

Part VII-A Statements Regarding Activities

Table with 10 rows for activity statements. Includes questions about political campaigns, unrelated business income, and substantial contributors. Includes Yes/No columns.

Part VII-A Statements Regarding Activities (continued)

11 At any time during the year, did the foundation, directly or indirectly, own a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," attach schedule. See instructions
12 Did the foundation make a distribution to a donor advised fund over which the foundation or a disqualified person had advisory privileges? If "Yes," attach statement. See instructions
13 Did the foundation comply with the public inspection requirements for its annual returns and exemption application?
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14 The books are in care of KRISTINA A. BALLARD Telephone no. (202) 391-0525
Located at 1400 EYE STREET NW, NO. 425, WASHINGTON, DC ZIP+4 20005
15 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-PF in lieu of Form 1041 - check here and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year 15 N/A
16 At any time during calendar year 2017, did the foundation have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a bank, securities, or other financial account in a foreign country? 16 Yes No X

Part VII-B Statements Regarding Activities for Which Form 4720 May Be Required

File Form 4720 if any item is checked in the "Yes" column, unless an exception applies.

1a During the year, did the foundation (either directly or indirectly):
(1) Engage in the sale or exchange, or leasing of property with a disqualified person? Yes No X
(2) Borrow money from, lend money to, or otherwise extend credit to (or accept it from) a disqualified person? Yes No X
(3) Furnish goods, services, or facilities to (or accept them from) a disqualified person? Yes No X
(4) Pay compensation to, or pay or reimburse the expenses of, a disqualified person? X Yes No
(5) Transfer any income or assets to a disqualified person (or make any of either available for the benefit or use of a disqualified person)? Yes No X
(6) Agree to pay money or property to a government official? (Exception. Check "No" if the foundation agreed to make a grant to or to employ the official for a period after termination of government service, if terminating within 90 days.) Yes No X
b If any answer is "Yes" to 1a(1)-(6), did any of the acts fail to qualify under the exceptions described in Regulations section 53.4941(d)-3 or in a current notice regarding disaster assistance? See instructions
Organizations relying on a current notice regarding disaster assistance, check here
c Did the foundation engage in a prior year in any of the acts described in 1a, other than excepted acts, that were not corrected before the first day of the tax year beginning in 2017? 1c Yes No X
2 Taxes on failure to distribute income (section 4942) (does not apply for years the foundation was a private operating foundation defined in section 4942(j)(3) or 4942(j)(5)):
a At the end of tax year 2017, did the foundation have any undistributed income (lines 6d and 6e, Part XIII) for tax year(s) beginning before 2017? Yes No X
If "Yes," list the years
b Are there any years listed in 2a for which the foundation is not applying the provisions of section 4942(a)(2) (relating to incorrect valuation of assets) to the year's undistributed income? (If applying section 4942(a)(2) to all years listed, answer "No" and attach statement - see instructions.) N/A
c If the provisions of section 4942(a)(2) are being applied to any of the years listed in 2a, list the years here.
3a Did the foundation hold more than a 2% direct or indirect interest in any business enterprise at any time during the year? Yes No X
b If "Yes," did it have excess business holdings in 2017 as a result of (1) any purchase by the foundation or disqualified persons after May 26, 1969; (2) the lapse of the 5-year period (or longer period approved by the Commissioner under section 4943(c)(7)) to dispose of holdings acquired by gift or bequest; or (3) the lapse of the 10-, 15-, or 20-year first phase holding period? (Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to determine if the foundation had excess business holdings in 2017.) N/A
4a Did the foundation invest during the year any amount in a manner that would jeopardize its charitable purposes? 4a Yes No X
b Did the foundation make any investment in a prior year (but after December 31, 1969) that could jeopardize its charitable purpose that had not been removed from jeopardy before the first day of the tax year beginning in 2017? 4b Yes No X

Part VII-B Statements Regarding Activities for Which Form 4720 May Be Required (continued)

		Yes	No
5a During the year, did the foundation pay or incur any amount to:			
(1) Carry on propaganda, or otherwise attempt to influence legislation (section 4945(e))?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
(2) Influence the outcome of any specific public election (see section 4955); or to carry on, directly or indirectly, any voter registration drive?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
(3) Provide a grant to an individual for travel, study, or other similar purposes?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
(4) Provide a grant to an organization other than a charitable, etc., organization described in section 4945(d)(4)(A)? See instructions	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
(5) Provide for any purpose other than religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
b If any answer is "Yes" to 5a(1)-(5), did any of the transactions fail to qualify under the exceptions described in Regulations section 53.4945 or in a current notice regarding disaster assistance? See instructions	N/A	5b	
Organizations relying on a current notice regarding disaster assistance, check here	<input type="checkbox"/>		
c If the answer is "Yes" to question 5a(4), does the foundation claim exemption from the tax because it maintained expenditure responsibility for the grant?	N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
If "Yes," attach the statement required by Regulations section 53.4945-5(d).			
6a Did the foundation, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
b Did the foundation, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?		6b	X
If "Yes" to 6b, file Form 8870.			
7a At any time during the tax year, was the foundation a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
b If "Yes," did the foundation receive any proceeds or have any net income attributable to the transaction?	N/A	7b	

Part VIII Information About Officers, Directors, Trustees, Foundation Managers, Highly Paid Employees, and Contractors

1 List all officers, directors, trustees, and foundation managers and their compensation.

(a) Name and address	(b) Title, and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation (If not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	(e) Expense account, other allowances
SEE STATEMENT 10		440,060.	1,419.	29,963.

2 Compensation of five highest-paid employees (other than those included on line 1). If none, enter "NONE."

(a) Name and address of each employee paid more than \$50,000	(b) Title, and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	(e) Expense account, other allowances
JORGE BERGES - 1014 BRYANT STREET, NE, WASHINGTON, DC 20018	SENIOR BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT MANAGER 40.00	90,102.	1,308.	0.

Total number of other employees paid over \$50,000 0

Part VIII Information About Officers, Directors, Trustees, Foundation Managers, Highly Paid Employees, and Contractors *(continued)*

3 Five highest-paid independent contractors for professional services. If none, enter "NONE."

(a) Name and address of each person paid more than \$50,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
THE ATLANTIC MONTHLY GROUP, LLC - 600 NEW HAMPSHIRE AVENUE NW #4, WASHINGTON, DC 20037	COMMUNICATIONS	72,000.
ELIZABETH GUERRERO - 2712 WISCONSIN AVENUE APT 107, WASHINGTON, DC 20007	RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY	58,459.
THE CONTENT FACTORY 1810 MURDOCH STREET, PITTSBURGH, PA 15217	DIGITAL MARKETING	58,000.
Total number of others receiving over \$50,000 for professional services		0

Part IX-A Summary of Direct Charitable Activities

List the foundation's four largest direct charitable activities during the tax year. Include relevant statistical information such as the number of organizations and other beneficiaries served, conferences convened, research papers produced, etc.	Expenses
1 SEE STATEMENT 11	331,407.
2 SEE STATEMENT 12	89,852.
3 SEE STATEMENT 13	944,768.
4 SEE STATEMENT 14	63,895.

Part IX-B Summary of Program-Related Investments

Describe the two largest program-related investments made by the foundation during the tax year on lines 1 and 2.	Amount
1 N/A	
2	
All other program-related investments. See instructions.	
3	
Total. Add lines 1 through 3	0.

Part X Minimum Investment Return (All domestic foundations must complete this part. Foreign foundations, see instructions.)

1	Fair market value of assets not used (or held for use) directly in carrying out charitable, etc., purposes:		
a	Average monthly fair market value of securities	1a	0.
b	Average of monthly cash balances	1b	763,354.
c	Fair market value of all other assets	1c	
d	Total (add lines 1a, b, and c)	1d	763,354.
e	Reduction claimed for blockage or other factors reported on lines 1a and 1c (attach detailed explanation)	1e	0.
2	Acquisition indebtedness applicable to line 1 assets	2	0.
3	Subtract line 2 from line 1d	3	763,354.
4	Cash deemed held for charitable activities. Enter 1 1/2% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions)	4	11,450.
5	Net value of noncharitable-use assets. Subtract line 4 from line 3. Enter here and on Part V, line 4	5	751,904.
6	Minimum investment return. Enter 5% of line 5	6	37,595.

Part XI Distributable Amount (see instructions) (Section 4942(j)(3) and (j)(5) private operating foundations and certain foreign organizations, check here and do not complete this part.)

1	Minimum investment return from Part X, line 6	1	
2a	Tax on investment income for 2017 from Part VI, line 5	2a	
b	Income tax for 2017. (This does not include the tax from Part VI.)	2b	
c	Add lines 2a and 2b	2c	
3	Distributable amount before adjustments. Subtract line 2c from line 1	3	
4	Recoveries of amounts treated as qualifying distributions	4	
5	Add lines 3 and 4	5	
6	Deduction from distributable amount (see instructions)	6	
7	Distributable amount as adjusted. Subtract line 6 from line 5. Enter here and on Part XIII, line 1	7	

Part XII Qualifying Distributions (see instructions)

1	Amounts paid (including administrative expenses) to accomplish charitable, etc., purposes:		
a	Expenses, contributions, gifts, etc. - total from Part I, column (d), line 26	1a	145,597.
b	Program-related investments - total from Part IX-B	1b	0.
2	Amounts paid to acquire assets used (or held for use) directly in carrying out charitable, etc., purposes	2	
3	Amounts set aside for specific charitable projects that satisfy the:		
a	Suitability test (prior IRS approval required)	3a	
b	Cash distribution test (attach the required schedule)	3b	
4	Qualifying distributions. Add lines 1a through 3b. Enter here and on Part V, line 8; and Part XIII, line 4	4	145,597.
5	Foundations that qualify under section 4940(e) for the reduced rate of tax on net investment income. Enter 1% of Part I, line 27b	5	0.
6	Adjusted qualifying distributions. Subtract line 5 from line 4	6	145,597.

Note: The amount on line 6 will be used in Part V, column (b), in subsequent years when calculating whether the foundation qualifies for the section 4940(e) reduction of tax in those years.

Part XIII Undistributed Income (see instructions)

N/A

	(a) Corpus	(b) Years prior to 2016	(c) 2016	(d) 2017
1 Distributable amount for 2017 from Part XI, line 7				
2 Undistributed income, if any, as of the end of 2017:				
a Enter amount for 2016 only				
b Total for prior years:				
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2017:				
a From 2012				
b From 2013				
c From 2014				
d From 2015				
e From 2016				
f Total of lines 3a through e				
4 Qualifying distributions for 2017 from Part XII, line 4: ▶ \$				
a Applied to 2016, but not more than line 2a ...				
b Applied to undistributed income of prior years (Election required - see instructions) ...				
c Treated as distributions out of corpus (Election required - see instructions)				
d Applied to 2017 distributable amount				
e Remaining amount distributed out of corpus				
5 Excess distributions carryover applied to 2017 (If an amount appears in column (d), the same amount must be shown in column (a).)				
6 Enter the net total of each column as indicated below:				
a Corpus. Add lines 3f, 4c, and 4e. Subtract line 5				
b Prior years' undistributed income. Subtract line 4b from line 2b				
c Enter the amount of prior years' undistributed income for which a notice of deficiency has been issued, or on which the section 4942(a) tax has been previously assessed				
d Subtract line 6c from line 6b. Taxable amount - see instructions				
e Undistributed income for 2016. Subtract line 4a from line 2a. Taxable amount - see instr. ...				
f Undistributed income for 2017. Subtract lines 4d and 5 from line 1. This amount must be distributed in 2018				
7 Amounts treated as distributions out of corpus to satisfy requirements imposed by section 170(b)(1)(F) or 4942(g)(3) (Election may be required - see instructions)				
8 Excess distributions carryover from 2012 not applied on line 5 or line 7				
9 Excess distributions carryover to 2018. Subtract lines 7 and 8 from line 6a				
10 Analysis of line 9:				
a Excess from 2013 ...				
b Excess from 2014 ...				
c Excess from 2015 ...				
d Excess from 2016 ...				
e Excess from 2017 ...				

Part XIV Private Operating Foundations (see instructions and Part VII-A, question 9)

1 a If the foundation has received a ruling or determination letter that it is a private operating foundation, and the ruling is effective for 2017, enter the date of the ruling _____

b Check box to indicate whether the foundation is a private operating foundation described in section 4942(j)(3) or 4942(j)(5)

	Tax year				(e) Total
	(a) 2017	(b) 2016	(c) 2015	(d) 2014	
2 a Enter the lesser of the adjusted net income from Part I or the minimum investment return from Part X for each year listed	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
b 85% of line 2a	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
c Qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4 for each year listed	145,597.	0.	0.	0.	145,597.
d Amounts included in line 2c not used directly for active conduct of exempt activities	6,500.	0.	0.	0.	6,500.
e Qualifying distributions made directly for active conduct of exempt activities. Subtract line 2d from line 2c	139,097.	0.	0.	0.	139,097.
3 Complete 3a, b, or c for the alternative test relied upon:					
a "Assets" alternative test - enter:					
(1) Value of all assets					0.
(2) Value of assets qualifying under section 4942(j)(3)(B)(i)					0.
b "Endowment" alternative test - enter 2/3 of minimum investment return shown in Part X, line 6 for each year listed	25,063.	0.	0.	0.	25,063.
c "Support" alternative test - enter:					
(1) Total support other than gross investment income (interest, dividends, rents, payments on securities loans (section 512(a)(5)), or royalties)					0.
(2) Support from general public and 5 or more exempt organizations as provided in section 4942(j)(3)(B)(iii)					0.
(3) Largest amount of support from an exempt organization					0.
(4) Gross investment income					0.

Part XV Supplementary Information (Complete this part only if the foundation had \$5,000 or more in assets at any time during the year-see instructions.)

1 Information Regarding Foundation Managers:

a List any managers of the foundation who have contributed more than 2% of the total contributions received by the foundation before the close of any tax year (but only if they have contributed more than \$5,000). (See section 507(d)(2).)

NONE

b List any managers of the foundation who own 10% or more of the stock of a corporation (or an equally large portion of the ownership of a partnership or other entity) of which the foundation has a 10% or greater interest.

NONE

2 Information Regarding Contribution, Grant, Gift, Loan, Scholarship, etc., Programs:

Check here if the foundation only makes contributions to preselected charitable organizations and does not accept unsolicited requests for funds. If the foundation makes gifts, grants, etc., to individuals or organizations under other conditions, complete items 2a, b, c, and d.

a The name, address, and telephone number or email address of the person to whom applications should be addressed:

b The form in which applications should be submitted and information and materials they should include:

c Any submission deadlines:

d Any restrictions or limitations on awards, such as by geographical areas, charitable fields, kinds of institutions, or other factors:

Part XV Supplementary Information (continued)

3 Grants and Contributions Paid During the Year or Approved for Future Payment				
Recipient	If recipient is an individual, show any relationship to any foundation manager or substantial contributor	Foundation status of recipient	Purpose of grant or contribution	Amount
Name and address (home or business)				
a Paid during the year				
FAIR WORLD PROJECT 4904 SE 41ST AVENUE PORTLAND, OR 97242		501(C)(3)	SUPPORT WORK IN FAIR TRADE.	1,500.
INTERNATIONAL LABOR RIGHTS FORUM 1634 I STREET, NW SUITE 1000 WASHINGTON, DC 20006		501(C)(3)	SUPPORT WORK IN LABOR RIGHTS.	1,000.
FAIRTRADE INTERNATIONAL 177 BONNER TALWEG BONN, GERMANY 53129		501(C)(3)	SUPPORT PROGRAM FOR BELIZE SUGAR CANE FARMERS AND THEIR WORK ON CHILD LABOR PREVENTION.	4,000.
Total ► 3a				
b Approved for future payment				
NONE				
Total ► 3b				
				0.

Part XVI-A Analysis of Income-Producing Activities

Enter gross amounts unless otherwise indicated.

	Unrelated business income		Excluded by section 512, 513, or 514		(e) Related or exempt function income
	(a) Business code	(b) Amount	(c) Exclu- sion code	(d) Amount	
1 Program service revenue:					
a LICENSE FEES	900099		03		2,742,061.
b ADMINISTRATIVE FEES	900099		03		156,179.
c AFFILIATE REIMBURSEMENTS	900099		03		51,588.
d _____					
e _____					
f _____					
g Fees and contracts from government agencies					
2 Membership dues and assessments					
3 Interest on savings and temporary cash investments			14	762.	
4 Dividends and interest from securities					
5 Net rental income or (loss) from real estate:					
a Debt-financed property					
b Not debt-financed property					
6 Net rental income or (loss) from personal property					
7 Other investment income					
8 Gain or (loss) from sales of assets other than inventory					
9 Net income or (loss) from special events					
10 Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory					
11 Other revenue:					
a MISCELLANEOUS	900099		01	22.	
b _____					
c _____					
d _____					
e _____					
12 Subtotal. Add columns (b), (d), and (e)		0.		784.	2,949,828.
13 Total. Add line 12, columns (b), (d), and (e)				13	2,950,612.

(See worksheet in line 13 instructions to verify calculations.)

Part XVI-B Relationship of Activities to the Accomplishment of Exempt Purposes

Line No.	Explain below how each activity for which income is reported in column (e) of Part XVI-A contributed importantly to the accomplishment of the foundation's exempt purposes (other than by providing funds for such purposes).
1	THE PROGRAM REVENUE FROM LICENSE FEES AND ADMINISTRATIVE FEES
1	CONTRIBUTE TO FAIRTRADE OF AMERICA'S MISSION OF IMPROVING THE
1	LIVELIHOODS OF SMALLHOLDER FARMERS AND WORKERS BY GROWING FAIR TRADING
1	PRACTICES IN THE U.S. MARKET.

Part XVII Information Regarding Transfers to and Transactions and Relationships With Noncharitable Exempt Organizations

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Contains questions 1a through 1c regarding transfers and transactions.

Table with 4 columns: (a) Line no., (b) Amount involved, (c) Name of noncharitable exempt organization, (d) Description of transfers, transactions, and sharing arrangements. Contains 'N/A' in column (c).

2a Is the foundation directly or indirectly affiliated with, or related to, one or more tax-exempt organizations described in section 501(c) (other than section 501(c)(3)) or in section 527? Yes No

Table with 3 columns: (a) Name of organization, (b) Type of organization, (c) Description of relationship. Contains 'N/A' in column (a).

Signature and Title section. Includes 'Sign Here' box, signature line, date line, title 'EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR', and a box for 'May the IRS discuss this return...'.

Paid Preparer Use Only section. Includes fields for Print/Type preparer's name, Preparer's signature, Date, Check self-employed, PTIN, Firm's name, Firm's address, Firm's EIN, and Phone no.

Schedule B

(Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Schedule of Contributors

▶ Attach to Form 990, Form 990-EZ, or Form 990-PF.
▶ Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for the latest information.

OMB No. 1545-0047

2017

Name of the organization

FAIRTRADE INTERNATIONAL USA, INC.

Employer identification number

45-5481499

Organization type (check one):

Filers of:

Section:

Form 990 or 990-EZ

501(c)() (enter number) organization

4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust **not** treated as a private foundation

527 political organization

Form 990-PF

501(c)(3) exempt private foundation

4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust treated as a private foundation

501(c)(3) taxable private foundation

Check if your organization is covered by the **General Rule** or a **Special Rule**.

Note: Only a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization can check boxes for both the General Rule and a Special Rule. See instructions.

General Rule

For an organization filing Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF that received, during the year, contributions totaling \$5,000 or more (in money or property) from any one contributor. Complete Parts I and II. See instructions for determining a contributor's total contributions.

Special Rules

For an organization described in section 501(c)(3) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that met the 33 1/3% support test of the regulations under sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi), that checked Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ), Part II, line 13, 16a, or 16b, and that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of the greater of (1) \$5,000; or (2) 2% of the amount on (i) Form 990, Part VIII, line 1h; or (ii) Form 990-EZ, line 1. Complete Parts I and II.

For an organization described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of more than \$1,000 *exclusively* for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals. Complete Parts I, II, and III.

For an organization described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, contributions *exclusively* for religious, charitable, etc., purposes, but no such contributions totaled more than \$1,000. If this box is checked, enter here the total contributions that were received during the year for an *exclusively* religious, charitable, etc., purpose. Don't complete any of the parts unless the **General Rule** applies to this organization because it received *nonexclusively* religious, charitable, etc., contributions totaling \$5,000 or more during the year ▶ \$ _____

Caution: An organization that isn't covered by the General Rule and/or the Special Rules doesn't file Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF), but it **must** answer "No" on Part IV, line 2, of its Form 990; or check the box on line H of its Form 990-EZ or on its Form 990-PF, Part I, line 2, to certify that it doesn't meet the filing requirements of Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

LHA For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the instructions for Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF. Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF) (2017)

Name of organization FAIRTRADE INTERNATIONAL USA, INC.	Employer identification number 45-5481499
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Part I Contributors (see instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part I if additional space is needed.

(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
1	FAIRTRADE INTERNATIONAL 177 BONNER TALWEG BONN, GERMANY 53129	\$ 70,893.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
		\$ _____	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
		\$ _____	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
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		\$ _____	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
		\$ _____	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)

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Part II Noncash Property (see instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part II if additional space is needed.

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (See instructions.)	(d) Date received
		\$ _____	_____
		\$ _____	_____
		\$ _____	_____
		\$ _____	_____
		\$ _____	_____
		\$ _____	_____
		\$ _____	_____

Name of organization FAIRTRADE INTERNATIONAL USA, INC.	Employer identification number 45-5481499
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Part III Exclusively religious, charitable, etc., contributions to organizations described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) that total more than \$1,000 for the year from any one contributor. Complete columns (a) through (e) and the following line entry. For organizations completing Part III, enter the total of exclusively religious, charitable, etc., contributions of \$1,000 or less for the year. (Enter this info. once.) ▶ \$ _____
Use duplicate copies of Part III if additional space is needed.

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held
(e) Transfer of gift			
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee	
(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held
(e) Transfer of gift			
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee	
(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held
(e) Transfer of gift			
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee	
(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held
(e) Transfer of gift			
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee	

FORM 990-PF INTEREST ON SAVINGS AND TEMPORARY CASH INVESTMENTS STATEMENT 1

SOURCE	(A) REVENUE PER BOOKS	(B) NET INVESTMENT INCOME	(C) ADJUSTED NET INCOME
INTEREST INCOME	762.	762.	762.
TOTAL TO PART I, LINE 3	762.	762.	762.

FORM 990-PF OTHER INCOME STATEMENT 2

DESCRIPTION	(A) REVENUE PER BOOKS	(B) NET INVEST- MENT INCOME	(C) ADJUSTED NET INCOME
LICENSE FEES	2,742,061.	0.	2,742,061.
ADMINISTRATIVE FEES	156,179.	0.	156,179.
AFFILIATE REIMBURSEMENTS	51,588.	0.	51,588.
MISCELLANEOUS	22.	0.	22.
TOTAL TO FORM 990-PF, PART I, LINE 11	2,949,850.	0.	2,949,850.

FORM 990-PF LEGAL FEES STATEMENT 3

DESCRIPTION	(A) EXPENSES PER BOOKS	(B) NET INVEST- MENT INCOME	(C) ADJUSTED NET INCOME	(D) CHARITABLE PURPOSES
LEGAL FEES	6,434.	0.	6,160.	274.
TO FM 990-PF, PG 1, LN 16A	6,434.	0.	6,160.	274.

FORM 990-PF	ACCOUNTING FEES			STATEMENT	4
DESCRIPTION	(A) EXPENSES PER BOOKS	(B) NET INVEST- MENT INCOME	(C) ADJUSTED NET INCOME	(D) CHARITABLE PURPOSES	
AUDIT FEES	22,282.	0.	21,335.	947.	
TO FORM 990-PF, PG 1, LN 16B	22,282.	0.	21,335.	947.	

FORM 990-PF	OTHER PROFESSIONAL FEES			STATEMENT	5
DESCRIPTION	(A) EXPENSES PER BOOKS	(B) NET INVEST- MENT INCOME	(C) ADJUSTED NET INCOME	(D) CHARITABLE PURPOSES	
CONSULTING FEES	331,186.	0.	317,106.	14,080.	
FEES FOR SERVICES	870,785.	0.	833,764.	37,021.	
TO FORM 990-PF, PG 1, LN 16C	1,201,971.	0.	1,150,870.	51,101.	

FORM 990-PF	TAXES			STATEMENT	6
DESCRIPTION	(A) EXPENSES PER BOOKS	(B) NET INVEST- MENT INCOME	(C) ADJUSTED NET INCOME	(D) CHARITABLE PURPOSES	
PAYROLL TAXES	82,705.	0.	79,189.	3,516.	
TO FORM 990-PF, PG 1, LN 18	82,705.	0.	79,189.	3,516.	

FORM 990-PF	OTHER EXPENSES			STATEMENT	7
DESCRIPTION	(A) EXPENSES PER BOOKS	(B) NET INVEST- MENT INCOME	(C) ADJUSTED NET INCOME	(D) CHARITABLE PURPOSES	
WEBSITE AND DOMAIN HOSTING	14,015.	0.	13,419.	596.	
INSURANCE	16,529.	0.	15,826.	703.	
TELEPHONE & INTERNET	11,275.	0.	10,796.	479.	
POSTAGE & DELIVERY	4,444.	0.	4,255.	189.	
OFFICE SUPPLIES & EXPENSES	30,918.	0.	29,602.	1,316.	
MEMBERSHIPS & SUBSCRIPTIONS	21,633.	0.	20,713.	920.	

BANK FEES	4,611.	4,611.	0.	0.
TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT	8,999.	0.	8,616.	383.
BAD DEBT EXPENSE	3,974.	0.	3,805.	169.
FOREIGN EXCHANGE GAIN	-4,721.	0.	-4,520.	-201.
AWARENESS COSTS	41,611.	0.	39,842.	1,769.
PAYROLL PROCESSING FEES	4,844.	0.	4,638.	206.
MISCELLANEOUS	810.	0.	776.	34.
TECHNOLOGY EXPENSES	27,669.	0.	26,493.	1,176.
TO FORM 990-PF, PG 1, LN 23	186,611.	4,611.	174,261.	7,739.

FORM 990-PF OTHER ASSETS STATEMENT 8

DESCRIPTION	BEGINNING OF YR BOOK VALUE	END OF YEAR BOOK VALUE	FAIR MARKET VALUE
DOMAIN NAME DEPOSITS	75.	75.	75.
	23,104.	23,104.	23,104.
TO FORM 990-PF, PART II, LINE 15	23,179.	23,179.	23,179.

FORM 990-PF OTHER LIABILITIES STATEMENT 9

DESCRIPTION	BOY AMOUNT	EOY AMOUNT
CAPITAL LEASE DEFERRED RENT	8,316.	6,418.
	33,491.	53,009.
TOTAL TO FORM 990-PF, PART II, LINE 22	41,807.	59,427.

FORM 990-PF PART VIII - LIST OF OFFICERS, DIRECTORS STATEMENT 10
 TRUSTEES AND FOUNDATION MANAGERS

NAME AND ADDRESS	TITLE AND AVRG HRS/WK	COMPEN- SATION	EMPLOYEE BEN PLAN CONTRIB	EXPENSE ACCOUNT
WERNER KIENE 1400 EYE STREET NW SUITE 425 WASHINGTON, DC 20005	CHAIR 10.00	0.	0.	0.
ANTHONY HALL 1400 EYE STREET NW SUITE 425 WASHINGTON, DC 20005	TREASURER 10.00	4,725.	0.	0.
TIMOTHY BEATY 1400 EYE STREET NW SUITE 425 WASHINGTON, DC 20005	SECRETARY 4.00	0.	0.	0.
GILBERTO AMAYA 1400 EYE STREET NW SUITE 425 WASHINGTON, DC 20005	BOARD MEMBER 4.00	1,800.	0.	0.
KATHERINE DIMATTEO 1400 EYE STREET NW SUITE 425 WASHINGTON, DC 20005	BOARD MEMBER 4.00	225.	0.	0.
MERLING PREZA 1400 EYE STREET NW SUITE 425 WASHINGTON, DC 20005	BOARD MEMBER 4.00	0.	0.	0.
HANS THEYER 1400 EYE STREET NW SUITE 425 WASHINGTON, DC 20005	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR 40.00	149,621.	0.	8,642.
KRISTINA BALLARD 1400 EYE STREET NW SUITE 425 WASHINGTON, DC 20005	DIRECTOR OF FINANCE & ADMIN. 40.00	93,443.	658.	8,044.
BRYAN LEW 1400 EYE STREET NW SUITE 425 WASHINGTON, DC 20005	CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER 40.00	105,688.	761.	7,809.
MARY LINNELL-SIMMONS 1400 EYE STREET NW SUITE 425 WASHINGTON, DC 20005	DIRECTOR OF MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS 40.00	84,558.	0.	5,468.
TOTALS INCLUDED ON 990-PF, PAGE 6, PART VIII		440,060.	1,419.	29,963.

FORM 990-PF	SUMMARY OF DIRECT CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES	STATEMENT 11
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ACTIVITY ONE

MARKET DEVELOPMENT: THE FAIRTRADE LABEL IS THE WORLD'S MOST TRUSTED AND RECOGNIZED ETHICAL LABEL. FAIRTRADE AMERICA EMPLOYS BUSINESS OUTREACH, CONSUMER ENGAGEMENT, AND NGO PARTNERSHIPS TO CREATE AN ENABLING ENVIRONMENT FOR FAIRTRADE AS PART OF AN OVERALL SUSTAINABLE PATTERN OF PRODUCTION AND CONSUMPTION THAT BENEFITS FARMERS, WORKERS, BUSINESSES, CONSUMERS, AND THE PLANET. FAIRTRADE AMERICA FOCUSES ON 5 MAJOR CATEGORIES, INCLUDING COFFEE, COCOA, SUGAR, FRESH PRODUCE AND FLORAL, WHICH REPRESENT THE MAJORITY OF FAIRTRADE CERTIFIED PRODUCERS GLOBALLY. FAIRTRADE INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS COVER MORE THAN 300 RAW PRODUCTS.

EXPENSES

TO FORM 990-PF, PART IX-A, LINE 1

331,407.

FORM 990-PF	SUMMARY OF DIRECT CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES	STATEMENT 12
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ACTIVITY TWO

EDUCATION & AWARENESS: FAIRTRADE AMERICA USES A WIDE VARIETY OF IN PERSON AND DIGITAL ENGAGEMENT APPROACHES TO REACH APPROXIMATELY 330 MILLION FAIRTRADE SUPPORTERS IN THE US MARKET. DIGITAL ENGAGEMENT INCLUDES TWITTER CHATS, BLOGS, FACEBOOK, INSTAGRAM, AND PINTEREST POSTINGS, COMPLIMENTED BY IN-PERSON EVENTS IN COLLABORATION WITH PARTNERS, GRASSROOTS FAIR TRADE GROUPS, AND EMBASSIES. IN 2017, FAIRTRADE FOCUSED ON DEVELOPING AN UNDERSTANDING OF OUR AUDIENCES THROUGH ENHANCED MARKET RESEARCH AND ROLLED OUT TWO MAJOR CAMPAIGNS FOR EDUCATION AND AWARENESS GROWTH: WORLD FAIRTRADE DAY AND FAIR TRADE MONTH.

EXPENSES

TO FORM 990-PF, PART IX-A, LINE 2

89,852.

FORM 990-PF SUMMARY OF DIRECT CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES STATEMENT 13

ACTIVITY THREE

LICENSEE DEVELOPMENT/SUPPORT & PRODUCER SUPPORT: IN 2017, FAIRTRADE AMERICA'S LICENSING DEPARTMENT BECAME THE STRATEGIC IMPACT & INNOVATION DEPARTMENT. THE STRATEGIC IMPACT & INNOVATION DEPARTMENT BEGAN THE PREPARATIONS TO IMPLEMENT CONNECT. CONNECT IS AN INTERNATIONAL DATABASE WHICH IS TO BE USED FOR CLIENT REPORTING AND NEW BACKEND SUPPORT FOR CLIENTS. ADDITIONALLY, THE STRATEGIC IMPACT & INNOVATION DEPARTMENT PRODUCED IMPACT REPORTS FOR LICENSEES TO BUILD AN UNDERSTANDING OF THE VALUE AND PREMIUM GENERATED FOR FARMERS AND WORKERS.

FAIRTRADE AMERICA WORKS DIRECTLY WITH LICENSEES TO CONNECT THEM TO CONSUMER CAMPAIGNS, ADVOCACY AND MARKETING OPPORTUNITIES TO BETTER TELL THEIR FAIRTRADE IMPACT STORY, THROUGH DIGITAL AND IN-PERSON SUPPORTER ENGAGEMENT THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. DEVELOPED MARKET SEGMENTATION TO BETTER UNDERSTAND CONSUMERS & SHARED THIS INFORMATION WITH OUR CLIENTS.

EXPENSES

TO FORM 990-PF, PART IX-A, LINE 3

944,768.

FORM 990-PF SUMMARY OF DIRECT CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES STATEMENT 14

ACTIVITY FOUR

OTHER PROGRAM SERVICES (GOVERNANCE): IN 2017, FAIRTRADE AMERICA'S MULTI-STAKEHOLDER BOARD OF DIRECTORS PLAYED A PIVOTAL ROLE IN SUPPORTING FAIRTRADE AMERICA'S GROWTH IN THE UNITED STATES MARKET. SPECIFICALLY, BOARD MEMBERS WHO ARE VOLUNTEERS ADVISED FAIRTRADE AMERICA'S DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY, LIAISING WITH KEY STAKEHOLDERS AND PARTNERS.

EXPENSES

TO FORM 990-PF, PART IX-A, LINE 4

63,895.