

LIMA DECLARATION ON CANNABIS FOR MEDICAL USE

Gathered in the city of Lima, city of kings, on January 10, 2019, the undersigned-henceforth the **Group American Cannabinoid Specialist** - we want to communicate, to those who have responsibility in taking decisions in our governments, at national and international level, regarding *Cannabis* regulations, which framed in the "Universal Declaration of Human Rights"; "Declaration on science and the use of scientific knowledge"; "International Code of Medical Ethics" and "Statement of Principles on Information about medicines to patients" the undersigned wish to state the following:

Considering

That there are people suffering from diseases that can be found in phytocannabinoids relief to their ailments, since *Cannabis* is a medicinal plant, with proven therapeutic effects and its medicinal use dates back thousands of years. That the International Conventions on drugs allow medicinal use and for scientific research purposes of *Cannabis*.

That the use of *Cannabis* or some of its derivatives does not represent a lethal risk to the health of people and their Adverse effects, not permanent in time, are reversible.

That the classification of *Cannabis* and its derivatives, within substances subject to international control, has been asynchronous with the scientific investigation of its use for medicinal purposes, so it has probably been done with errors or omissions.

That the discretion imposed unilaterally, by the signatories of the International Conventions in this matter, has accentuated the criminalization of the use of this medicinal plant.

That the regulation in some of our countries is insufficient and exclusive for important population groups, due to the lack of understanding of international agreements, the lack of information, and the strong propaganda of anti-drug interest groups in the world.

That some countries in the region have even managed to regulate these substances with controls not contemplated by the International Conventions, depriving patients of access to analgesic drugs. That the States that have regulated the medicinal use of *Cannabis* have demonstrated safety and efficacy with respect to the use of this plant, and various social indicators are reflecting the positive impacts of these measures. That because of the above, the regulatory policies so far imposed (both for *Cannabis* and for the other substances subject to control), far from exercising effective controls that contribute to improving the public health of our peoples, threatens the right to access the highest level of health possible.

That as a consequence of the above, the current legislations have:

Impedido formal access (medical, legal), by potentially beneficiary patients.

Generated unnecessary sanitary risk given the informal (illegal, clandestine) access to this medication option.

Positioned a barrier to scientific research, education in this area and its subsequent dissemination academic

Impediment **been** handling plant within the health practice.

It is one of the main causes of deprivation of liberty and legal proceedings of citizens, including patients and health professionals, in America.

It has been an important source of economic income for criminal organizations, increasing the real damage that they produce in society.

In consequence,

The **Governments** of our Countries are urged to regulate access to the *Cannabis* plant and its derivatives based on the Single Convention of 1961, which allows medicinal use and for scientific research of all species listed.

The **General Assembly of the United Nations** is requested to facilitate access to *Cannabis* for those who need it under medical criteria.

It is suggested to the **Governments** of the American continent to update their national legislations based on criteria purely scientific, to facilitate the regulation of the exchange of *Cannabis* for medicinal purposes or scientific investigation.

The **Sanitary and Scientific Authorities** are called to keep informed, for the decision making based on scientific evidence, without fear of repressions of other natures.

The **Health and Home Authorities** of each country are asked to coordinate efforts to favor access medicinal and for scientific research purposes of *Cannabis*.

Health Professionals are urged to contribute with informed access to patients who require therapy based on of *Cannabis*.

Peoples are asked to continue defending their right to effective access to consumption and possession for purposes medicinal products, and to receive therapies based on *Cannabis*

It is called **health professionals and patients** to actively participate and be vigilant in political processes from their countries.

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