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NEWS

คำประกาศอนุรักษ์ พืชสมุนไพรที่เชียงใหม่

องค์การอนามัยโลก (WHO) สหภาพอนุรักษ์ธรรมชาติระหว่างประเทศ (IUCN) และมูลนิธิคุ้มครองสัตว์ป่าโลก (WWF) ให้ความสนใจและสนับสนุนกระทรวงสาธารณสุข จัดประชุมนานาชาติเรื่อง “การอนุรักษ์พันธุ์พืชสมุนไพร” ขึ้นเป็นครั้งแรกของโลกที่ จ.เชียงใหม่ เมื่อเดือนมีนาคม โดยมีผู้แทนจาก 19 ประเทศจำนวน 50 คนร่วมประชุมและได้ออกคำประกาศดังนี้

CHIANG MAI DECLARATION

Saving Lives by Saving Plants

We, the health professionals and the plant conservation specialists who have come together for the first time at the WHO/IUCN/WWF-W. International Consultation on Conservation of Medicinal Plants, held in Chiang Mai, 21-26 March 1988, do hereby reaffirm our commitment to the collective goal of “Health for All by the Year 2000” through the primary health care approach and to the principles of conservation and sustainable development outlined in the World Conservation Strategy.

We:

- recognize that medicinal plants are essential in primary health care, both in self-medication and in national health services;
- are alarmed at the consequences of loss of plant diversity around the world;
- view with grave concern the fact that many of the plants that provide traditional and modern drugs are threatened;
- *draw the attention* of the United Nations, its agencies and Member States, other international agencies and their members and non-government organizations to:
 - 1) the vital importance of medicinal plants in health care;
 - 2) the increasing and unacceptable loss of these medicinal plants due to habitat destruction and unsustainable harvesting practices;
 - 3) the fact that plant resources in one country are often of critical importance to other countries;
 - 4) the significant economic values of the medicinal plants used today and the great potential of the plant kingdom to provide new drugs;
 - 5) the containing disruption and loss of indigenous cultures, which often hold the key to finding new medicinal plants that may benefit the global community;
 - 6) the urgent need for international cooperation and coordination to establish programmes for conservation of medicinal plants to ensure that adequate quantities are available for future generations.

We, the members of the Chiang Mai International Consultation, hereby call on all people to commit themselves to Save the Plants that Save Lives.

*Chiang Mai, Thailand
26 March 1988*

FORTY-FIRST WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY
Agenda item 23

WHA41.19
13 May 1988

TRADITIONAL MEDICINE AND MEDICINAL PLANTS

The Forty-first World Health Assembly,

Recalling resolutions of the Health Assembly concerning traditional medicine in general (WHA40.33) and medicinal plants in particular (WHA31.33) :

Realizing that, as a consequence of the loss of plant diversity around the world, many of the plants that provide traditional and modern drugs are threatened with extinction;

Commending the Director-General for having taken the initiative of convening an International Consultation on the Conservation of Medicinal Plants, in association with the International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources and the World Wildlife Fund;

Nothing that the Consultation resulted in the adoption of the Chiang Mai Declaration reaffirming commitment to the collective goal of "Health for All by the Year 2000", through the primary health care approach, and to the principles of conservation and sustainable development outlined in the World Conservation Strategy;¹

Endorsing the call for international cooperation and coordination to establish programmes for the conservation of medicinal plants, to ensure that adequate quantities are available for future generations;

1. URGES Member States:

- (1) to examine the situation with regard to their indigenous medicinal plants;
- (2) to take effective measures to ensure their conservation and encourage their sustainable utilization;

2. REQUESTS the Director-General:

- (1) to promote intercountry meetings for the dissemination of knowledge and the exchange of experience on the subject;
- (2) to collaborate with Member States in the design and implementation of programmes for the conservation and sustainable utilization of medicinal plants;
- (3) to report on the progress achieved to a subsequent World Health Assembly.

Fifteenth plenary meeting, 13 May 1988
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¹ Document A41/INF.DOC./8.