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To The Tyranny Of Monopolistic
PHARMACEUTICAL EXPROPRIATION
Of Natural Health Substances.

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Ms Precious Matsoso
Director/Registrar
MCC/MRA, DoH

By Fax
25 June 1999

Dear Ms Matsoso

MEDICINES CONTROL COUNCIL/ REGULATORY AUTHORITY:PHARMAPACT DISPUTE

I understand from discussion with my colleague Mr Anthony Rees, that you had apparently “neglected” to send us the written invitation to present written proposals to yourself and Council as unanimously resolved at our meeting of 14 June. I also understand that you expect these proposals to be available today for early circulation to the councilors ahead of their meeting, at which it was agreed that we would, at your invitation, present our more detailed proposals to Council. PHARMAPACT specifically resolved to act only on a firm written specific invitation, and since this has not materialised, we will not be presenting detailed proposals for this next meeting, despite of our regular reminders that we were awaiting the formality of said invitation. If you act now we will do an oral presentation with schematics and notes, or alternatively we will oblige with detailed proposals for July.

I also understand that you are anxious for us to go on record before Council that PHARMAPACT puts behind it considerable documentational dispute spanning the last 30 months. Whilst you may take credit for single-handedly achieving more in this regard than the previous hierarchy over 24 months of dispute, said amnesty is subject to the provisos that the MRA, inclusive or exclusive of the Council reject in principle the unconstitutional Listing Procedure / Expedited Registration Procedure and entertain PHARMAPACT’s basic “negative list”, “evidence-based” and “exemption of non-claim natural health substances as foodstuffs” proposals as a way forward, and so address our concerns.

On confirmation of such a resolution having emerged from either your office or Council’s forthcoming meeting, you may consider your expectations in this regard to have been realised and we can get down to work-shopping alternative regulations which meet the principles of quality, safety and efficacy in the public interest. Not only this, we can do it inclusively, transparently, and constitutionally, and hence legally. In the meantime you can consider the hatchet to have been put aside, but not buried.

The documentational dispute represents, for all intents and purposes, a catalyst for reform, which once the latter is under way, will render the former redundant. In the meantime, you are expressly requested to put this latest letter and PHARMAPACT's motivational reports before Council, namely "Homoeopathy: A Critique (in Three Parts)" and the most serious document ever to have been presented to Council, the "MRA/ DoH Traditional African Medicine Genocide and Ethnospiracy Against the African People" document. Updated versions of those submitted to the 14 June meeting have been e-mailed to Seemole Mohoto for print-out for agenda inclusion and circulation to Council. In the meantime you have our proposal outline and introduction, also e-mailed to Seemole Mohoto

Once again thank you for taking the initiative in attempting to settle this conflict. There is considerable distance still to be traveled, but all journeys begin with the first step, so let us keep up the momentum. Do not allow yourself to be intimidated by the ghosts of the past who still haunt the corridors of the MCC. PHARMAPACT are at your service should you need a stiff broom to sweep these evil apparitions from the dark recesses from whence they still weave their vested interests against the best interests of the public at large. Help us to exorcise the Temple of Death of its residual skeletons of the past and usher in a new dawn for all our people, by putting socialism before the capitalism of the past.

Please put this correspondence and the two reports before Council, as per our Constitutional Right. We look forward to evaluating their comments thereon via the minutes thereto, which we request now in advance. You, your trusty colleagues and us have naught to fear if we uphold the truth and expose and so rid the past of its illegal vested interest baggage so entrenched in the old order. Let us do it now!

Very best wishes

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Stuart Thomson', written in a cursive style.

Stuart Thomson

National Co-ordinator, PHARMAPACT

cc The Honourable Minister of Health, Manto Tshabalala-Msimang