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The Chairperson  
National Reference Centre For Traditional Medicines  
Department of National Health  
Pretoria, South Africa

By Hand & Registered Mail  
26 October 2000

Dear Sir/Madam (on behalf of Stuart Thomson and with his express mandate)

S.A. DEPT. OF HEALTH TRADITIONAL AFRICAN MEDICINE GENOCIDE & ETHNOPIRACY

May this letter serve as my registered protest at my not being invited to the scheduled 26 October 2000 meeting of the National reference Centre For Traditional Medicines. Why should I be invited to attend? My organisation and I are on the agenda as: "*Problems: Mr. S Thomson and PHARMAPACT*". That this serious matter should eventually be raised only two and a half years later is evidence of my charges relating to the proceedings of the NRC.

This item arises from a Legal Issues Workgroup meeting of 2 June 1998 where it is recorded in the official minutes: "*Mr. S Thomson from PHARMAPACT expressed dissatisfaction with the way members of the main group were selected. He feels that the selection was not done democratically and not all groups/organisations were included. He withdrew from the meeting in protest. This complaint could not be discussed at the workgroup meeting*".

My own Report-Back on the meeting was more accurately recorded: "*I formally protested that the proceedings constituted a sham of representativeness and democracy and a set-up favouring vested interests, since those accepting nomination to a steering committee to decide the fate of millions were not public representatives, nor did they have a mandate to represent all, or most traditional healers. The convening Chairperson, Lulu Peteni, ruled me out of order, claiming that the only "mandate" given this group by the earlier group meeting was to elect the steering committee and to establish terms of reference for the future work of that committee, the usual autocratic top-down approach*".

*"I protested that none of the meetings were truly representative, or democratic, since they were not called by public notice. Peteni replied that the 1996 National Drug Policy publication represented public notice, which I protested was absurd and was left no alternative other than to withdraw from the unconstitutional proceedings and merely observe. Before the close of the meeting, I protested the fact that the toxicity*

*issues were being ignored, and requesting that my written submission be officially entered into the record and next agenda, to which I was advised that I should take up my objections with the Dept. of Health and that since my submission did not bear a signature, (just my name), it did not constitute a legal document.”*  
Please note that this was a “Legal Issues” meeting.

This unconstitutionally rejected submission has now been expanded to 23, 290 words, titled **“SOUTH AFRICAN MEDICINES REGULATORY AUTHORITY (MCC) & DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL HEALTH TRADITIONAL AFRICAN MEDICINE GENOCIDE AND ETHNOPIRACY AGAINST THE AFRICAN PEOPLE”** and is herewith presented to this forum for inclusion to its next agenda, to which meeting I expect to be formally invited at State expense. I note that I have been denied my constitutional right to be present at the Friday meeting and that this matter concerning me is scheduled to be discussed in the presence of the Honourable Minister of Health. In view of these facts, I respectfully request that this current agenda item be held-over to the next meeting, which should be an extraordinary meeting in view of the already long delay and the gravity of the subject matter of both issues, which I believe logically should take preference over all other issues rendered mere trivia hereby and hence I also respectfully request that the Honourable Minister also be invited to attend that meeting.

I note also with disgust that my trusted colleague and PHARMAPACT co- co-coordinator, Dr Anthony Rees has had several attempts made to bar him from these proceedings in the past few days by MCC puppet Mr. Isaac Mayeng, in spite of Dr Rees being specifically invited as a representative of the Interim Co-ordinating Committee of Traditional Medical Practitioners and subsequently mandated as a representative of PHARMAPACT.

Please note that this matter and the final Genocide and Ethnopyracy Report has been put before the Honourable Minister of Health and that we trust that this whole can of worms has been irreversibly opened and spilled for all to see. We trust that these issues will now gain the attention that they deserve and that the named perpetrators will be appropriately dealt with.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anthony Rees', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Anthony Rees

pp. Stuart Thomson

National Co-ordinator, PHARMAPACT