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Dear CAM – supporters,

as you may know there are **elections for the European Parliament** in all 27 EU Members States on 5 June 2009. These elections will elect MEP`s who will be in place in the European Parliament for the next 5 years 2009 - 2014. Attached you will find a formulated letter in four languages. You can contact your personal EU-candidates in your local region and/or by simply contacting the headquarters of each main political party in each country. For the second purpose we attach a copy of the addresses of all the parties in each EU-member state. If you want to change the anme-logo into your own don`t hesitate to do so.

Whoever wishes to bring **herbal medicines** onto the market, continues to reside in an area of conflict between **nutritional supplements** und **medicine**. Nutritional supplements are divided into: foodstuffs, dietetic food, **Novel Food** (qualifying date 15.05.1997), and additives (in Germany the National Additive Law applies). Herbal medicine is divided into 1.) registered **rational Phyto-medicine** and 2.) registered medicine (well-established or traditional use).

An herbal medicine undergoes a “Risk/Use Evaluation” during the registration process. With foodstuffs (all nutritional supplements fall under this category), unsafe food can neither be produced nor brought onto the market. As a result, herbal products destined for the market will undergo more stringent testing.

More over, the **Health-Claims-Decree** has forbidden misleading and disease-related advertising regarding foodstuffs since 2007. A **Community list of Permissible Health-related Statements** is to be put together by the EFSA (European Food Safety Agency), by 2010. Until then, the Health-Claims-Decree and the ban on misleading and disease-related advertising remains in effect.

ANME e.V. has decided to take up the “Austrian UNESCO spark” that was ignited at the **3rd symposium**, in an effort to formulate a political demand to be presented to the responsible authorities. In cooperation with the other EU-CAM-Organizations, the attached demand has been formulated (please also see www.anme.info). The clearly-formulated **demand for the recognition of Traditional Medicine/CAM as an “Immaterial Cultural Heritage”** consciously places the spiritual connection between culture, healing and experience in the foreground. This is where we see the basis for constructive future discussion within the framework of the EU-Charter of Human Rights regarding the protection of Natural Medicine in its “original form”.

We look forward to your feedback on this subject!

Best regards,

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