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Dear CAM – supporters,

on June 10th, the **European Counsel** decided on how it would work together with the European Commission regarding the realization of the **EU-Health Strategy for 2008-2013**. Working together more closely means a stronger influence on the part of the EU in the field of health (pardon me – in modern language: “health *economy*”), which is actually still supposed to be regulated on a national level.

The EU-Health Program 2008-2013, has allowed for the following concerning public health according to §23: Observance of a holistic point of view and the institution of a scientific or clinically proven CAM!

On the same day, the European Counsel decided on the following three positions regarding the so-called “Patient information directive for medical products”:

1. A stronger differentiation should be developed between product advertising and factual information based on specialized knowledge of the product.
2. Advertising is still not allowed for prescription medicine.
3. Regarding the distribution of information, there is to be an increase in the role competent health authorities and professions play.

The “**European Chemicals Agency (ECHA)**” came into existence in Helsinki on June 3rd. This new agency was promptly given the job by M. Barroso and G. Verheugen, of **registering all chemicals** within the framework of the REACH Agreement (Chemical Guidelines). Some 180,000 pre-registrations are expected. All manufacturers and importers must apply for this pre-registration by December 1st, if they wish to remain on the market (more about ECHA see attached file); also important in this case: **NANO-technology** !

Within the framework of the **9th UN-Species Protection Conference** in Bonn, Germany, the so-called “developing or third world” countries demanded an end to BIO-piracy. An example was given of a German company, which in its use of Umckaloabo, was accused of one-sided exploitation at the cost of the country and its people. The company denied this and said that the development and admission by the AMG (Medicinal Law) of the herbal medicine “Umckaloabo” drops cost 30 million Euros.

“**Protecting what heals**” – under this slogan the **WWF**, together with TRAFFIC, has developed an international standard for the sustained collection of wild plants (ISSC-MAP); see www.floraweb.de/map-pro.

Best regards from Schoeneck,

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