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As President of the Working Committee to Promoting the Regulation of Chinese Medicine and President of Supervision Board of WFCMS, I am very happy to know that in the next few days, more specifically on September 19, 2023, a public hearing will take place in Brasilia to be held in the Federal Senate of Brazil, with the objective of reflecting and debating on the regulation of Acupuncture.

The efficacy, safety and other benefits inherent to the practice of acupuncture are widely known aspects that must always be considered. Such a debate will not only expand public understanding of this ancient therapy, but will also serve as a stimulus for its dissemination and application, both in Brazil and internationally. In this regard, we wish to express our deepest respect and support to all dedicated acupuncture practitioners in Brazil, in recognition of the outstanding work and contributions they have made.

According to data from the World Health Organization (WHO), acupuncture stands out as the most widespread and widely adopted traditional medical therapy modality worldwide, having been incorporated in more than 190 countries and regions. Several countries have already established legislation that addresses the practice of acupuncture and have included it in their health insurance systems. The gradual integration of acupuncture into the realm of conventional medicine is widely applauded, without exclusivities or monopolies, so that even more people can benefit.

It is relevant to highlight that Chinese Medicine, with its venerable history of more than millennia. Acupuncture-moxibustion, as the most widespread international clinical branch of Chinese Medicine, acquires an even more special status when it was included in UNESCO's "Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity" in 2010.

In Brazil, in 2006, the enactment of the National Policy on Integrative and Complementary Practices (PNPIC) significantly boosted the application of Chinese Medicine methods in health promotion in the country. Another relevant piece of information is that the National Health Council (CNS), in its plenary session, once again expressed to administrators and health service providers the relevance of establishing multidisciplinary teams for the practice of Acupuncture, in accordance with the principles established in the Policy National Institute of Integrative and Complementary Practices. This communiqué also emphasized with the National Congress the importance of prioritizing the analysis of bills for the regulation of Acupuncture, aiming to provide society with dignified care.

I would like to personally highlight the efforts of three Brazilian institutions that have been at the forefront of the struggle for Regulation over the years with even greater emphasis in recent years, FENAB, SBA and CNAAB. The work of the governing bodies of these institutions and their members is of great importance and relevance to the profession.



The World Federation of Chinese Medicine Societies (WFCMS), as the largest non-governmental organization (NGO) dedicated to Chinese Medicine in its breadth in the world, maintains official relations with WHO, in addition to being a liaison organization of ISO/TC249.

Our hope is that more Brazilians will understand, experience and embrace acupuncture, sharing their wisdom and experience in the field of health. By working together, on behalf of acupuncture, we can establish a global health community accessible to all, in the firm belief that acupuncture will continue to make a significant contribution to the health of humanity.

Through constant commitment, the WFCMS has devoted tireless efforts to advancing the development of Chinese Medicine and acupuncture around the world, as well as working diligently to encourage appropriate regulations. An important fact in the cooperation with Brazil that should be highlighted was the holding of the 2022 World Congress of Chinese Medicine in São Paulo.

As President of the Working Committee of Promoting the Regulation of Chinese Medicine, I wish that an increasing number of Brazilians understand, experience and adopt acupuncture, thus sharing their knowledge and practices in health promotion, in a broad and unrestricted way, without exclusivity and monopolies.

I am convinced that acupuncture and Chinese Medicine will continue to play a significant role in the improvement of the Brazilian population.

Yours sincerely,

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