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## Work Together to Create a Community for Human Health - 2018 Paris Declaration

## **Content of the 2018 Paris Declaration:**

TCM acupuncture and moxibustion which is rooted in China, has been spread to 183 countries and regions in the world, becomes "World Acupuncture". It is playing an important role in preventing and treating common diseases, frequently-occurring diseases, severe, difficult, and complicated diseases and infectious diseases as well as in responding to public health emergencies, etc. With the changes of health concepts, scientific evidence and medical models, TCM acupuncture and moxibustion is increasingly recognized and accepted by the international community. In particular, for overcoming many difficulties and challenges in the development of health life medicine science, people can get inspiration from TCM acupuncture and moxibustion!

In the 8-year anniversary of the acupuncture-Moxibustion of TCM of the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity in UNESCO, we gather together in Paris, France, WFAS hereby calls on all its members and appeals to all the fellow professionals of acupuncture and moxibustion worldwide:

- 1. To promote the education of acupuncture and moxibustion in the global context, and to build an international education system of acupuncture and moxibustion in terms of the types of educational institutions, training models and standardized teaching materials, etc.
- 2. To promote legislation of acupuncture and moxibustion in all countries and to enhance its legal status in line with local situations, to give guarantee of safety and effective acupuncture service.
- 3. To attach great importance to the preservation and innovative development of acupuncture and moxibustion. We should not only protect the inheritors worldwide who truly master the essence of acupuncture and moxibustion, but also implement the modern science technology, standardize the healthy development of acupuncture and moxibustion.
- 4. To foster a new environment in opening up of acupuncture and moxibustion featured with modern science and technology and new resources, in-depth cooperation, cross-disciplinary joint research in multiple fields, so as to advance acupuncture and moxibustion for pushing forward the whole health service.
- 5. To improve comprehensively the ability and quality of acupuncture and moxibustion in disease prevention and cure, health preservation and serving health of mankind, contributing to the health and benefit of all people.

Safeguarding life and health is the common vision and goal of the people all over the world. World Federation of Acupuncture-Moxibustion Societies is willing to join hands with global professionals of acupuncture and moxibustion and work together with the people all over the

world, adhering to the "holistic view" of traditional Chinese medicine and the philosophy of "harmony and health", to have courage in shoulder the responsibility of "inheriting and innovating" and to promote a healthy lifestyle with "TCM acupuncture and moxibustion". Start with me, start from today. Let's work together to create a community for human health!