ASSOCIATION RAMON SANTOS FOR THE STUDY OF CANNABIS Registered in the Register of Associations of the Generalitat at num. 12579 Plaça Sant Josep Oriol, 4 08002 – Barcelona

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The ASSOCIATION RAMON SANTOS FOR THE STUDY OF CANNABIS has been founded by a group of professionals, entrepreneurs and artists who do not comprehend the irrational and hypocritical legal prohibition that affects Cannabis.

We enjoy legal personality since June of 1991, result of procedures initiated as a way to alleviate the permanent criminalization of our activity as consumers of cannabis or derivatives. Although we are citizens before the law, we are being treated as criminals; without any desire to be so as far as our will is concerned. The acquisition of hash or the cultivation of marijuana for our scientific activity or our personal enjoyment, puts us on the threshold of jail and / or at the mercy of police arbitrariness.

The objectives of our Association are, in accordance with its Statutes:

a) Inform affiliates of all issues relating to cannabis sativa from scientific, medical and legal points of view, that may be of interest to them.

b) The study and investigation of the issues referred to in the previous section.

c) Representation and. defense of the affiliates in view of the ambiguity and legislative and jurisprudential vacuum surrounding the consumption of substances whose commerce is prohibited by law.

d) Monitoring and reporting, whenever it occurs, of activities of whatever public administrations that impair the inalienable rights of the person.

We also favor unequivocally the end of the prohibition of all psychoactive substances and the search for non-punitive alternatives. We consider that the attitude of States and International organizations to introduce ever more criminal legislation and put the commerce and the consumption of these substances under police control, is an erroneous approach in view of the disastrous results achieved (Mafias, huge public budgets to combat them, millions of innocent victims imprisoned, deaths through substance adulteration, etc.).

Given the scandal and state of social confusion that such policies provoke among the citizenry, we believe in the possibility – while the public debate continues, and governments and international organizations clarify the issues - to defend our right to study and freely use Marihuana. Consequently, our proposal - by way of exemplary action that can well illuminate the minds of legislators, rulers and citizens - is the self-supply of this plant. That is, the production for personal consumption and study, with the formalities that the Administration considers necessary in order to fully guarantee the impossibility of any commercial activity, local or for the international market, obviously prohibited. As staunch enemies of the

adulteration of hash we are encouraged by the favorable conditions for the cultivation of Cannabis Sativa around the world.

Parallel to the foregoing, we offer to participate of those initiatives that you consider may favor common approach, in the belief that what we have here expressed, as well as the content of the A.R.S.E.C. Manifesto, attached, merit your attention and of those persons who, in the exercise of their civic activities, share the concern that motivates this letter.

We are writing to you with the conviction that the above exposed will arouse your interest, to the extent that for the area of your concern, there is a concurrence with the problem in which we have been immersed for many years.

Thanking you in advance for your opinion on this matter, we want to inform you of our wish for dialogue and mutual collaboration, to open spaces of tolerance of which our actual society is so much in need.

Cordially,

For ARSEC Signed: The President

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