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A Seminar on:

INTERNATIONAL TRADE AGREEMENTS AND THEIR IMPLICATIONS FOR PEOPLE'S HEALTH AND LIVELIHOODS (GLOBAL AND NATIONAL PERSPECTIVES)

Cairo: 30th June – 2nd July, 2006

The *Association for Health and Environmental Development (AHED)* in cooperation with the global *People's Health Movement (PHM)* are pleased to announce the convening of a 3-day meeting in Cairo concerning these important issues. The meeting aims to jointly:

1. review the challenges posed by these agreements, with specific focus on the implications of the intellectual property rights regimes imposed on national agricultural and pharmaceutical policies as well as people's access to medicine and food; and
2. seek strategic alternatives to address the possible negative implications of these agreements.

OBJECTIVES

3. To raise people's awareness regarding the possible implications of international trade agreements on their health and livelihoods.
4. To activate effective channels that stimulate serious public debates and actions around these major issues that affect people's lives and livelihoods.

THEMES

- Trends in international trade trends, in the era of globalization, and their possible implications on people's lives and health, focusing especially on intellectual property rights and their impacts, globally and nationally, on agricultural and pharmaceutical policies as well as people's access to medicine and food.
- Global and national level stakeholders and their differing positions.
- Structural and legislative arrangements at both global and local levels to engage with the international trade agreements, particularly the intellectual property rights regimes being introduced.
- Level and forms of popular awareness and action (global perspectives, local experiences, possibilities in Egypt).

DATE AND FORMAT

A broad one-day seminar on June 30th, 2006 covering the above-mentioned themes will be followed by a 2-day review session to assess feasible strategies for dealing with possible negative implications.

The one-day seminar

- will be divided into three plenary sessions. These sessions are intended to cover the conference's themes, through key-note speakers, panels and open discussions.
- key-note speakers will include Egyptians as well as a small number of non-Egyptian experts.

The 2-day review session

- will involve focused discussions to identify key wedge issues, analyze major stakeholders, propose alternative strategies for possible actions, as well as identify possible priority actions needed.

PARTICIPANTS

A wide range of participants and key note speakers are invited. These will include in their formal or informal capacities, members of governmental organizations; Egyptian civil society; academic institutions; media; concerned international organizations, including the People's Health Movement; etc.

VENUE:

Arab Scouts Center (El-Markaz El-Kashfy El-Arabi), 2 Yousef Abbas Street, off Salah Salem Avenue, Nasr City, Cairo.

LANGUAGE

- Arabic will be the formal language of the seminar and the following review session.
- Simultaneous translation from and to English will be provided.

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