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I'm glad to know that the Brazilian Federal Senate will hold a public hearing on the regulation of acupuncture. The effectiveness, safety and many other benefits of acupuncture will be presented to everyone. It will raise public awareness of acupuncture and promote its spread and application in Brazil and around the world. Hence, we hereby send our respect and support to you, as well as all of the acupuncture practitioners in Brazil, for your excellent work and contributions.

According to data from the World Health Organization, acupuncture is the most popular and widely-used traditional medical therapies in the world. It has been applied in more than 190 countries and regions. Many countries have legislation on acupuncture and have had it included in the medical insurance. Acupuncture has gradually engaged in the mainstream medical system, and is well-received by people because it relieved their suffering. Acupuncture-moxibustion of Traditional Chinese medicine, with a history of more than 2,000 years, was included in the "Representative List of Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity" by UNESCO in 2010. Its complete and unique theoretical system and diverse treatment methods have been closely integrated with modern technology and medicine. In the age of information, digitalization will enable acupuncture to be widely disseminated and applied in a faster, more convenient and more effective way. Brazil is the fifth most populous country in the world with a total population of over 210 million. In 2006, with the enactment of the National Policy of Integrative and Complementary Practices (PNPIC), the application of TCM methods in the field of health maintenance was boosted in Brazil. In 2017, we were glad to see that the Brazilian Ministry of Health officially included acupuncture in the list of alternative therapies. Acupuncture has been widely welcomed in Brazil, thanks to your efforts. Your contribution to the development of acupuncture in Brazil will be remembered by history!

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than 70 countries. Throughout years, WFAS has made unremitting efforts to promote the development of acupuncture in the world, and a firm supporter of our local member societies and many Brazilian doctors prompting legislation. We hope that more Brazilians will understand, experience and use acupuncture and share its wisdom and practice in health. Let us work together, linked by acupuncture, for the establishment of a global community of health for all. We believe that acupuncture will make greater contributions to human health.

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