

The Resolutions of the First International Congress on Traditional Medicine and Folk Healing in Huancabamba

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In the city of Huancabamba, a mecca for northern Peruvian folk healing, regional, municipal, and tourism authorities, along with representatives from environmental conservation organizations, and various delegations of shamans and Master Healers from Peru and neighboring countries gathered to hold the first Huancabamba Congress on Traditional Medicine and Folk Healing, organized by the Provincial Municipality of Huancabamba and the Association of Master Healers of Natural, Ancestral, and Ecological Medicine of Las Huarinas.

During the congress, topics were discussed regarding biocultural conservation and the promotion of the tourist resources of the Andean páramo, Las Huarinas, and the medicinal plants of its ecosystem, given their spiritual, ecological, cultural, and social importance.

A proposal was made to create a botanical garden and herbal repository containing all the medicinal plants native to Las Huarinas.

There was a discussion on the protection and use of wild San Pedro and on preventing its industrialization and export to foreign markets, while promoting its sustainable use through cultivation.

It was proposed to work toward the formalization and recognition of all groups of traditional healers in Peru and to revitalize their spiritual role in their communities of origin.

The attendees reached the following AGREEMENTS:

1. To promote the conservation of the environment, the Andean páramos, and their flora and fauna, especially in the area of the sacred lagoons of Las Huarinas.
2. To encourage actions to conserve, preserve, and protect the San Pedro or Huachuma cactus as a fundamental part of the practice of Northern Traditional Healing.
3. Advance the Ancestral Medicine and Traditional Healing Bill, create the Huancabamba Botanical Garden, and restore the sacred use of the huacas to strengthen Northern Peruvian traditional healing practices.
4. Participate as signatories to the “Collective Declaration of the Healers of Northern Peru on the Conservation Status of the San Pedro Cactus, Its Traditional Knowledge, and the Use of Wild San Pedro by Foreigners” issued by Colectivo Huachuma.

Signed,

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