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1st African Congress for Scientific Research, Technology and Drug Industry

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Washington DC (November 19, 2004) – 1st African Congress for Scientific Research, Technology and Drug Industries," is to be held December 13-15, 2004, at the National Research Center of Egypt and the Mena House Oberoi Hotel, Cairo, Egypt. The Congress is being organized by the "African Union", the "African Society of Scientific Research & Technology" and "The Foundation of Democracy in Africa" representing the Diaspora in collaboration with the Egyptian Society of Health Awareness.

This Congress is a key step towards the achievement of a set of objectives that will position the countries of the African Continent on to a strong and solid position in the area of Scientific Research. For this first Congress the objectives are: the promotion of Scientific Research related to the needs of the African Continent; the establishment of a database of the Scientists and Researchers from all over Africa for the Scientific Institutes & Research Centers; the discussion of the Economics of Scientific Research and Technology, and the creation of an environment that will enable legislation to be passed and investment to flourish.

The discussions at the conference will concentrate on the priority areas of Africa, mainly on Health Care with special emphasis on HIV/AIDS - Malaria, T.B., Agriculture & Food Technology, Water, Energy, Biotechnology, The promotion of drug industry in the African continent, Scientific Research and Curriculum Development.

Ministers of Science & Technology, Health and Higher Education from Zimbabwe, Congo, Namibia, Uganda, Ghana, Kenya, Libya, Congo Brazzaville and Egypt have confirmed their participation.

'The African Continent is the richest continent yet the poorest of them all -- the need for the promotion of Scientific Research and Technology is mandatory for the economic development and well being of Africa' said Professor Nagia Essayed, Commissioner for Human Resources, Science & Technology, African Union Commission.

Additional information on the conference and registration details are available at:
www.democracy-africa.org/1stafcong.pdf.

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