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Re: Resubmitting of petition follow up inquiries

We acknowledge to have received information on 8 May 2020 that GUN/RUF petition has been forwarded to Parliamentary Standing Committee on Constitutional and Legal Affairs of the previous Parliament, however no outcome was reached.

GUN/RUF hereby request for the feedback about the petition that was delivered by GUN/RUF Organization to the Parliament on 19 April 2020

We brought additional information for the parliament of cannabis uses benefits.

Your Faithfully

.....
Mr. Brian Jaftha

Speaker of Namibian Parliament

Proposal/submission/research

The undersigned Speaker of Namibian Parliament acknowledges that the information provided by GUN and RUF in this project proposal is confidential;

Therefore, Speaker of Namibian Parliament agrees not to disclose it without the express written permission of GUN and RUF.

It is acknowledged by Speaker of Namibian Parliament that information to be furnished in this business proposal is in all respects confidential in nature, other than information which is in the public domain through other means and that any disclosure or use of same by reader, may cause serious harm or damage to GUN/RUF

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This is a proposal/ submission/research to Speaker of Parliament, Namibian Political Parties and Members of National Assembly is from GUN/RUF to assist lawmakers with current, relevant and reliable information on cannabis so that when they are going to discuss the issue of cannabis in the National Assembly they will be able to make informed decision based on the correct and up-to-date information.

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THE HEALING OF THE NATION

Brian Jaftha, the President of Ganja Users of Namibia (GUN) and equally the President of Rastafari United Front together with Borro Ndungula GUN Secretary General. We are approaching the Namibian Parliament with our **proposal/research** material in order to thoroughly explain, motivate and advocate why Speaker of Namibian Parliament must declare cannabis/hemp/ganja as NATURAL RESOURCE of Namibia. We are urging your political party to, embrace cannabis/hemp/ganja and help make it State business, controlled and regulate by the State in order to rip its promising benefits in financial, capital and human development while it is still early (position) so that the State will be in a better position to help the many lives of our thousands fellow Namibian currently residing in inhuman shacks and those finding themselves in poverty across the country.

The importing of, cultivating of, supplying, distributing of cannabis/hemp/ganja and selling of cannabis/hemp/ganja will be in the hand of State since cannabis/hemp/ganja will be considered a NATURAL RESOURCE – THE HEALING OF THE NATION through which the State must feed, help needy and build countries economy, however small amount of possession and cultivating limited number of trees will be permitted for personal and religious consumption

In our democracy there must be businesses such as NamWater or NamPower that can be operated by the State for commercial purposes in same way we would like to propose that cannabis/hemp/ganja industry be in the hands of the State exactly and take it away from criminals' hands.

At the moment our government spends N\$ 200 million annually on police, courts and prisons to keep cannabis/hemp prohibited in Namibia while criminals from Angola, South Africa, Swaziland, Lesotho and other foreign countries pocket more than N\$2 billion in sales from Namibians annually. According to police statistics cannabis/hemp/ganja is Namibia's favourite and most liked drug of choice for the past 30 years. And counting

Many Namibians go to prison for small amounts of cannabis/hemp/ganja while foreigners who make a lot of money from Namibia don't get to see jail in their life time.

Cannabis Sativa also known as: *Hemp, zelena, cannabis, ganja Indian hemp, true hemp, epangwe, muggles, weed, pot, marijuana, mariwana, green, high grade, Mary Jane, mangheha, reefer, grass, Inora, Tree of Life, bhang, lipangwe, the kind, truth, dagga, herb, groen, Waarheid, Die Beste, Healing of the Nation*, etc., all names for exactly the same plant! Years of government suppression of information from our schools, researchers and even scientists has resulted in virtually **no public knowledge** of the incredible potential of the hemp/cannabis/ganja fiber or its uses.

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In addition, various cannabis/hemp/ganja and hashish extracts were the first, second or third most prescribed medicines in the world from 1842 until the 1890s. It's medicinal use continued legally through the 1930s for humans and figured even more prominently in world veterinary medicines during this time.

Cannabis/hemp/ganja extract medicines were produced by many American and European companies and apothecaries. During all the time there was **not one reported death from cannabis/hemp/dagga** extract medicines, and **virtually no abuse or mental disorders reported**, except for **first-time or novice users** occasionally becoming **disoriented or overly introverted**.

The archaeologists, anthropologists, philologists, economists, historians pertaining to cannabis/hemp/ganja is in general agreement that, at the very least: From more than 1,000 years before the time of Christ until 1883, cannabis/hemp/ganja - indeed, cannabis/hemp/ganja was our **planet's largest agricultural crop** and most important industry, involving thousands of products and enterprises; producing the overall majority of Earth's **fiber, fabric, lighting oil, paper, incense and medicines**. In addition, it was a primary source of essential food oil and protein for humans and animals.

According to virtually every anthropologist and university in the world, cannabis/hemp/ganja was also used in most of our **religions and cults** as one of the seven or so most widely used **mood, mind, or pain-altering** drugs when taken as **psychotropic, psychedelic** (mind-manifesting or -expanding) sacraments.

Great Wars were fought to ensure the availability of hemp: For example, the primary reason for the War of 1812 between America and Great Britain was access to Russian cannabis/hemp. Russian hemp was also the principal reason that Napoleon and his "Continental Systems" allies invaded Russia in 1812.

Why Has Cannabis/Hemp/Marijuana Been So Important in History?

Because cannabis/hemp/ganja is, **overall, the strongest, most-durable, longest-lasting natural soft-fiber**

That Namibia is having strictest, obsolete, unjust and racist laws on cannabis/hemp/ganja I the world which shows how misinformed are the Namibians on the cannabis/hemp/ganja uses and benefits. Even in the world where we see the world is relaxing on cannabis/hemp/ganja laws on dealing, possession and using of it but in Namibia the lawmakers want to make the laws stricter.

From lawmakers, businessman, health professionals to ordinary citizens seems the whole of Namibia is in dark about cannabis/hemp/ganja and its and uses with people arrested and charged for possession of, using and dealing for 115 grams of cannabis/hemp/ganja every day under inherited apartheid colonial law the very same laws Namibian freedom fighters fought their lives to eliminate from Namibia's legal system

Mind you the countries that want cannabis/hemp/ganja to be kept prohibited are having various good reasons to do so. For instance, countries that produce and import oil

Countries that produce cotton and fabrics or textile will fear completion from cannabis/hemp/ganja because whatever products you too can get from cotton you too can get from cannabis/hemp/ganja only that cannabis/hemp/ganja is better and environmentally safer

Countries that produce agricultural products and food make billions of dollars supplying the international markets and employ millions of people worldwide therefore they will not welcome any challenge that comes with cannabis/hemp legalization.

Countries that produce alcohol and tobacco know that it is proven fact that cannabis/hemp/ganja is far healthier than alcohol and tobacco. They know if cannabis/hemp/ganja is legalized cannabis/hemp/ganja will give them competition for business as some alcoholics and tobacco users will exchange their habits for cannabis/hemp/ganja

Countries that produce medicines and drugs are making billions of dollars selling medicines at very expensive prices to around the world and they know cannabis/hemp/ganja if legalized can heal or cure any sickness better and cheaper and that is unwanted competition

Countries that are into construction and steel business know how lucrative steel and construction industries are and how much money they pump into their economy and only cannabis/hemp can give them competition for their business

Countries that are in transport industry feel that if countries such as Namibia that don't produce food, manufacture their own products are allowed to benefit from producing the same things they normally buy and transport to their countries by just legalizing cannabis/hemp/ganja. That will mean loss of foreign trade income

Namibian government is losing billions of dollars to streets because the government spends N\$100 million annually in police and justice system to combat the illegal cannabis/hemp/ganja trade, possession and use of cannabis/hemp/ganja or billions of dollars to international market, while criminals make N\$ 2 billion in business annually from untaxed cannabis/hemp/ganja sales

A country such as Namibia is **best with weather conditions for cannabis/hemp industry**. Namibia got enough empty LAND, free SUN and enough WATER to be able to supply the world with enough cannabis/hemp/ganja. Let's go get those billions by doing away with cannabis/hemp/ganja prohibition.

LAND, WATER, SUN

Land, Water and Sun are Namibia's underused NATURAL RESOURCES that could drastically help Namibian economy if taken seriously. After that the other underused NATURAL RESOURCE IS - CANNABIS/HEMP/GANJA which under Namibian law is illegal. However, the good thing about the CANNABIS/HEMP/GANJA especially for countries like Namibia not only it is so cheap to start with but also the benefits that come out of it are many because it will help a country like Namibia to establish many industries that are not present in Namibia. This in return will mean more jobs for locals, cutting cost in operations and transport, and most importantly keeping money home and grow Namibian economy. Most to benefit from it will be State water and electricity businesses NamWater and NamPower

Cannabis/Hemp/Ganja needs enough WATER to start with so billions for NamWater on the way. Namibia will need to invest in WATER resources to make sure water is easily available to sustain cannabis/hemp/ganja industry for Namibian economy

If well invested cannabis/hemp/ganja industry can bring in N\$10 billion into economy which will benefit many industries, businesses and Namibian economy

Diamonds and oil are important but compared to what they can do for people, nature and environment and State is nothing compared to what cannabis/hemp/ganja can do for people, economy, State, environment, development, education, agriculture, science, employment, construction, textile, foreign currency, trade, politics. Cannabis/Hemp/Ganja is what can termed as Green Gold.

Under Green Gold Namibia will become a producer country of oil, cotton, paper, food, paint, textile, fabrics, plastics, fiber, art, medicine, building materials, with it will mean massive employment opportunities for local people and businesses in The Namibia House which in return will bring in much needed development and improvement in the country.

We are the owners of Namibia. And we are only 3 million people in Namibia Land. But we own 824km of land Namibia. All of it collectively is ours. Thus none who so carries Namibian citizenship should not suffer on Namibian soil. There must always be a way out for a Namibian in Namibia on top of foreigners. Namibians are less than 3 million and got 824,000 km of land among themselves which can be easily equally shared and distributed to all enough...

Namibian people are attached to this land Namibia for many centuries therefore all are entitled to equal benefit out of fit especially that comes in the form of NATURAL RESOURCE one such as CANNABIS/HEMP/GANJA natural resource.

Other countries that grow it is only during summer time and after that it is to go to expensive indoor growing, other countries might want to grow cannabis/hemp/ganja but their weather conditions might not allow it, others it is because of non-availability of good land, but mostly it is either weather or land for many as water is no problem in many of those countries in First World. So many of countries will need another country such as Namibia with enough empty LAND, sufficient SUN and lot of underground WATER to supply them during winter period. Namibia has enough LAND, WATER and SUN all for free. This is our blessing from Mother Nature, let's make full use of it and benefit from it before others wake up to reality that was intentionally HIDDEN AWAY from them for so many years by church, law and politics

For one Namibia is a country blessed with lot of SUN, LAND and WATER. That is all you need to start with CANNABIS/HEMP/GANJA business. With so many State farms not so much used to

contribute to economic growth of Namibia it will be good thing to turn some of this farms to benefits Namibians and the economy. One such farm I can guarantee you could produce immediate direct employment for 10,000 people who will be farm labourers who will work on hemp farm and another 10,000 later on for growers, suppliers, manufacturers, transporters, dealers,

With Namibia in need of an economic miracle cannabis/hemp/ganja could be just as that as cannabis/hemp/ganja can create 100,000 jobs for local market and a further 300,000 for international markets because whatever Namibia is not producing or having will be a possibility to produce or to have if cannabis/hemp was legalized

Why Has Cannabis/Hemp/Ganja Been So Important in History?

Because cannabis/hemp/ganja is, **overall, the strongest, most-durable, longest-lasting natural soft-fiber** on the planet. Its leaves and flower tops (cannabis/hemp) were depending on the culture - the first, second or third most important and most used medicines for two-thirds of the world's people for at least 3,000 years, until the turn of the century.

What is cannabis/hemp/ganja

Botanically, cannabis/hemp/ganja is member of the most advanced plant family on Earth. It is a dioecious (having male, female and sometimes hermaphroditic - male and female on the same plant), woody, herbaceous annual that uses the sun more efficiently than virtually any other plant on our planet, reaching a robust 12 to 20 feet or more in **one short growing season**. It can be grown in virtually any climate or soil condition on Earth, even marginal ones. Cannabis/Hemp/Ganja is, by far, Earth's **premier, renewable natural resource**. This is why cannabis/hemp is so very important.

Cannabis/Hemp/Ganja uses and benefits

Uses and Benefit

If all fossil fuels and their derivatives, as well as trees for paper and construction were banned in order to save the planet, reverse the Greenhouse Effect and stop deforestation;

Then there is only one known annual renewable natural resource that is capable of providing the overall majority of the world's **paper and textiles**; meeting all of the world's **transportation, industrial and home energy** needs; simultaneously **reducing pollution, rebuilding the soil, and cleaning the atmosphere** all at the same time...

And that substance is - the same one that did it all before - Cannabis/Hemp/Ganja!

Ships and Sailors

Ninety percent of all ships' sails from at least the 5th Century B.C. until long after the invention and commercialization of steam ships - mid- to late-19th century were made from hemp. The other 10% were usually flax or minor fibers like ramie, sisal, jute, abaca.

The word "canvas" is the Dutch pronunciation of the Greek word "Kannabis."

In addition to canvas sails, until this century virtually all of **the rigging, anchor ropes, cargo nets, fishing nets, flags, shrouds, and oakum** (the main protection for ships against salt water, used as a sealant between loose or green beams) were made from the stalk of the cannabis/hemp/ganja plant.

Even the sailors' **clothing**, right down to the stitching in the seamen's ropesoled and (sometimes) "canvas" **shoes**, was crafted from cannabis/hemp.

Additionally, the **ships' charts, maps, logs, and Bibles** were made from paper containing hemp fiber from 15th century until the early 1900s in the world. Cannabis/Hemp/Ganja paper lasted 50 to 100 times longer than most preparations of papyrus, and was a hundred times easier and cheaper to make.

Textiles & Fabrics

Until the 1820s in the world and until the 20th Century in most of the rest of the world, 80 percent of all **textiles and fabrics** used for **clothing, tents, bed sheets and linens, rugs, drapes, quilts, towels, diapers, etc.** and even **all flags**, were principally made from fibers of cannabis/hemp/ganja.

Fiber & Pulp Paper

Until 1883, from 75-90% of all paper in the world was made with cannabis/hemp fiber including that for books, Bibles, maps, paper money, stocks and bonds, newspapers, etc. The Gutenberg Bible (in the 15th Century); Pantagruel and the Herb pantagruelion, Rabelais (16th Century); King James Bible (17th Century).

Rope, Twine & Cordage

From 70-90% of all **rope, twine, and cordage** was made from cannabis/hemp/ganja until 1937. It was then replaced mostly by petrochemical fibers.

Art Canvas

Cannabis/Hemp is the perfect archival medium. ⁷

The paintings of Van Gogh, Gainsborough, Rembrandt, etc., were primarily painted on cannabis/hemp/ganja canvas, as were practically all canvas paintings.

A strong, lustrous fiber, cannabis/hemp/ganja withstands heat, mildew, insects and is not damaged by light. Oil paintings on cannabis/hemp/ganja and/or flax canvas have stayed in fine condition for centuries.

Paints & Varnishes

For thousands of years, virtually all good **paints and varnishes** were made with cannabis/hemp/ganja seed oil and/or linseed oil.

Lighting Oil

Until about 1800, **cannabis/hemp/ganja seed oil** was the most consumed lighting oil in the world. From then until the 1870s, it was the second most consumed lighting oil, exceeded only by **whale oil**.

Biomass Energy

In the early 1900s, Henry Ford and other futuristic, organic, engineering geniuses recognized an important point that up to 90 percent of all fossil fuel used in the world today such as **coal, oil, natural gas**, etc. should long ago have been replaced with biomass such as: cornstalks,

cannabis/hemp/ganja, waste paper and the like. Biomass can be converted to **methane, methanol** or **gasoline** at a fraction of the current cost of oil, coal, or nuclear energy - especially when environmental costs are factored in - and its mandated use would end acid rain, end sulfur-based smog, and reverse the Greenhouse Effect on our planet right now!

Medicine

From 1842 through the 1890s, extremely strong cannabis/hemp (then known as cannabis/hemp extractums) and hashish extracts, tinctures and elixirs were routinely the second and third most-used medicines in the world for humans (from birth, through childhood, to old age) and in veterinary medicine until the 1920s and longer.

As stated earlier, for at least 3,000 years, prior to 1842, widely varying cannabis/hemp/ganja extracts (**buds, leaves, roots, etc.**) were the most commonly used and widely accepted majority of mankind's illnesses.

However, in Western Europe, the **Roman Catholic Church** forbade use of cannabis/hemp/ganja or any **medical treatment**, except for alcohol or blood letting, for **1200-plus years**.

The U.S. Pharmacopoeia indicated that cannabis should be used for treating such ailments as: **fatigue, fits of coughing, rheumatism, asthma, delirium tremens, migraine headaches and the cramps and depressions associated with menstruation**. **Queen Victoria** used cannabis/hemp resins for her **menstrual cramps and PMS**, and her reign (1837-1901) paralleled the enormous growth of the use of Indian cannabis/hemp/ganja medicine in the English-speaking world.

In this century, cannabis/hemp research has demonstrated therapeutic value - and complete safety - in the treatment of many health problems **including asthma, glaucoma, nausea, tumors, epilepsy, infection, stress, migraines, anorexia, depression, rheumatism, arthritis and possible herpes**.

Food Oils & Protein

Cannabis/hemp/ganja seed was regularly used in **porridge, soups, and gruels** by **virtually all the people of the world** up until this century. **Monks** were required to eat **cannabis/hemp/ganja seed** dishes three times a day, to weave their clothes with it and to print their Bibles on paper made with its fiber.

Cannabis/hemp/ganja seed can be pressed for its highly nutritious **vegetable oil**, which contains the **highest amount of essential fatty acids** in the **plant kingdom**. These essential oils are responsible for our immune responses and clear the arteries of **cholesterol** and **plaque**.

The byproduct of pressing the oil from the seed is the **highest quality protein**

see cake. It can be **sprouted (malted)** or **ground and baked** into **cakes, breads** and **casseroles**. Cannabis/Hemp/Ganja seed protein is one of mankind's finest, most complete and available-to-the-body **vegetable proteins**. Cannabis/Hemp/Ganja seed is the most **complete single food source** for human nutrition.

Cannabis/Hemp/Ganja seed was - until the 1922 prohibition law - the world's **number-one bird seed**, for both **wild** and **domestic** birds. It was their favorite of any seed food on the planet; four million pounds of hempseed for songbirds were sold at retail in the U.S. in 1937. Birds will pick cannabis/hemp/ganja seed out and eat them first from a pile of mixed seed. Birds in the world **live longer and breed more with cannabis/hemp/ganja seed** in their diet, using the oil for their feathers and their overall health.

Cannabis/hemp/ganja seed produces no observable **high for humans or birds**. Only the most minute traces of THC are in the seed. Hempseed is also the favorite **fish bait** in Europe. Anglers buy pecks of **cannabis/hemp/ganja seed** at bait stores, then thrashing for the hempseed and are caught by hook. No other bait is as effective, making cannabis/hemp/ganja seed generally the most desirable and **most nutritious food for humans, birds and fish**.

Building Materials & Housing

Because one acre of cannabis/hemp/ganja produces as much cellulose fiber pulp as 4.1 acres of trees, cannabis/hemp/ganja is the perfect material to replace trees for pressed board, particle board and for concrete construction molds, composite building materials compared to wood fiber, even as beams.

Cannabis/Hemp/Ganja has been used throughout history for **carpet backing**. Hemp fiber has potential in the manufacture of strong, rot resistant carpeting - eliminating the poisonous fumes of burning synthetic materials in a house or commercial fire, along with allergic reactions associated with new synthetic carpeting.

Plastic plumbing pipe (PVC pipes) can be manufactured using renewable cannabis/hemp/ganja cellulose as the chemical feedstocks, replacing non-renewable **coal or petroleum-based chemical feedstocks**. So we can envision a house of the **future built, plumbed, painted and furnished with the world's number-one renewable resource – cannabis/hemp/ganja**.

Smoking, Leisure, Creativity, Religion, Trade, Art, Culture

The Namibian Constitution recognizes
The Protection of Fundamental Rights and Freedoms (Article 5)
Protection to life (Article 6),
Respect to Human Dignity (Article 8),
Equality and Freedom from Discrimination (Article 10,)
Right to Fair Trial (Article 12)
Right to Privacy (Article 13),
Right to Family (Article 14),
Right to Property (Article 16)

Right to participate in peaceful political activity intended to influence Government policies. (Article 17))
Right to enjoy, practice, profess, maintain and promote any culture, language or tradition. Article) 19

Freedom to Thought, conscience and belief (Article 21 b),
Freedom to practice any religion (Article 21 c),
Freedom to assemble peaceably and without arms (Article d),
Freedom to practice any profession, or carry on any occupation, trade or business (Article 21 j),
Freedom from Apartheid and Affirmative Action (Article 23)
Many **artists, writers, Rastas, businessman, Cannabis/Hemp/Ganja users** need cannabis/hemp/ganja for creative stimulation, personal, social, medicinal, religious, traditional, cultural, trade and recreational purposes

Economic Stability, Profit & Free Trade

We believe that in a competitive market, with all facts known, people will rush to buy long-lasting, biodegradable "Pot Tops" or "Mary Jeans," etc., made from a plant without pesticides or herbicides. Some of the companies who have led the way with these products are Ecolution,

Hempstead, Marie Mills, Ohio Hempery, Two Star Dog, Headcase, and in Germany, HanfHaus, etc.

A cotton shirt that cost N\$100 to N\$200, now with cannabis/hemp/ganja the same shirt cost will cost N\$40.

By using 100% cannabis/hemp/ganja or mixing cannabis/hemp/ganja with cotton, you will be able to pass on your **shirts, pants** and other **clothing** to your grandchildren. Intelligent spending could essentially replace the use of **petrochemical synthetic fibers** such as **nylon** and **polyester** with tougher, cheaper, cool, absorbent, breathing, biodegradable, **natural fibers**.

China, Italy and **Eastern European** countries such as **Hungary, Romania, Czechoslovakia, Poland, and Russia** currently make billions of dollars worth of sturdy cannabis/hemp/ganja and cannabis/hemp/ganja/cotton textiles - and could be making billions of dollars worth - annually.

Cannabis/Hemp/Ganja has been recognized as the hottest fabric of the 1990s by Rolling Stone, Time, Newsweek, Paper, Detour, Details, Mademoiselle, The New York Times, The Los Angeles Times, Der Spiegel, ad infinitum. All have run, over and over again, major stories on industrial and nutritional cannabis/hemp/ganja.

Additionally, cannabis/hemp/ganja grown for biomass could fuel a billion-dollar per year **energy industry**, while improving **air quality** and **distributing** the wealth to rural areas and their surrounding communities, and away from centralized power monopolies. More than any other plant on Earth, cannabis/hemp/ganja holds the promise of a sustainable ecology and economy. Then there is only one known annually renewable natural resource that is capable of providing the overall majority of the world's **paper** and **textiles**; meeting all of the world's **transportation, industrial and home energy needs**, while simultaneously **reducing pollution, rebuilding the soil, and cleaning the atmosphere** all at the same time . . .

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"NEW BILLION-DOLLAR CROP"

"THE MOST PROFITABLE & DESIRABLE CROP THAT CAN BE GROWN"

From the farmers' point of view, cannabis/hemp/ganja is an easy crop to grow and will yield from three to six tons per acre on any land that will grow corn, wheat, or oats. It has a short growing season, so that it can be planted after other crops are in. It can be grown in any region of the Namibia. From this point on almost anything can happen. The raw fiber can be used to produce strong twine or rope, woven into burlap, used for carpet warp or linoleum backing or it may be bleached and refined, with resinous by-products of high commercial value. It can, in fact, be used to replace the foreign fibers which now flood our markets.

The paper industry offers even greater possibilities. As an industry it amounts to over millions a year, and of that eighty per cent is can be imported. But cannabis/hemp/ganja will produce every grade of paper, and government figures estimate that 10,000 acres devoted to cannabis/hemp will produce as much paper as 40,000 acres of average pulp land.

The Last Days of Legal Cannabis/Hemp/Ganja

A Plan to Save Our Forests

As an example: If hemp pulp paper process were in use legally today, it would soon replace about 70 percent of all wood pulp paper, including computer, printout paper, corrugated boxes and paper bags.

Pulp paper made from 60-100 percent cannabis/hemp/ganja hurds is stronger and more flexible than paper made from wood pulp. Making paper from wood pulp damages the environment. Cannabis/Hemp/Ganja papermaking does not.

Reduction of the source of pollution, usually from manufacturing with petrochemicals or their derivatives, is a cost-cutting waste control method often called for by environmentalists.

Whether the source of pollution is CFCs (chlorofluorocarbons) from refrigeration, spray cans, computers, tritium and plutonium produced for military uses, or the sulfuric acids used by papermakers, the goal is reducing the source of pollution.

The environmental advantages of harvesting cannabis/hemp/ganja annually - leaving the trees in the ground! - for papermaking, and for replacing fossil fuels as an energy source, have become crucial for the source reduction of pollution.

A Conspiracy to Wipe Out the Natural Competition

Blatant Bigotry

Mexican slang word "marijuana" into the English-speaking American consciousness. Meanwhile, the word "hem" was discarded and "cannabis," the scientific term, was ignored and buried.

The actual Spanish word for hemp is "canamo." But using a Mexican "Sonoran" colloquialism - marijuana, often Americanized as "marihuana" - guaranteed that few would realize that the proper terms for one of the chief natural medicines, "cannabis/hemp/ganja/marijuana/dagga," and for the premiere industrial resource, "hemp," had been pushed out of the language.

The Prohibitive Cannabis/Hemp/Ganja Tax Protecting Special Interests

Man-Made Fiber

The Toxic Alternative to Natural Fibers The new man-made fibers (MMFs) can best be described as war material. The fiber-making process has become one based on big factories, smokestacks, coolants and hazardous chemicals, rather than one of stripping out the abundant, naturally available fibers. .

Cannabis/hemp/Marijuana Prohibition

Cannabis/Hemp/Ganja Prohibition result that thousands of Namibians have wasted thousands of years in jail time, and thousands of lives have been and continue to be ruined shameful economic lies, vicious racial libels and bigoted musical taste.

Superstar of the 19th Century

Cannabis/Hemp/Ganja has been international's number one analgesic for 60 years before the rediscovery of aspirin around 1900. From 1842 to 1900 cannabis/hemp/ganja made up half of all medicine sold, with virtually no fear of its high.

From 1850 to 1937, Namibia's indigenous people without the Western medicine used cannabis/hemp/ganja as the primary medicine for more than 100 separate illnesses or diseases. During all this time no one had no idea what the active ingredients of cannabis/hemp/ganja were until Dr.Mechoulam discovered THC in 1964.

THC Delta-9 was isolated by Dr. Raphael Mechoulam at the University of Tel Aviv in 1964. His work confirmed that of Professor Taylor of Princeton, who had lead the research and identification of natural THC Delta-9 precursors in the 1930s. Kahn, Adams and Loewe also worked with the structure of cannabis/hemp/ganja active ingredients in 1944.

Since 1964 op to now, more than **400 separate compounds** have been isolated in cannabis/hemp/ganja from over a **thousand suspected compounds**. At least 60 of the isolated compounds are **therapeutic**. In March 1997, Mechoulam, in a speech at the Bio-Fach in Frankfurt, Germany, still believed that **cannabis/hemp/ganja is the world's best overall medicine**. Francis Young, concluded in September 1988 that "**cannabis/hemp/ganja is one of the safest therapeutically active substances known to man.**"

Undermining the Natural Medicines' Competition

Eli Lilly, Pfizer and others stand to lose at least a third of their entire, highly profitable, patent monopoly on such drugs as Darvon, Tuinal, Seconal, and Prozac (as well as other patented medications ranging from muscle ointments to burn ointments, to thousands of other products) because of a plant anyone can grow: cannabis/hemp/ganja.

Pharmacists Against Drug Abuse,

Poisoning the Third World

Columbia's largest newspaper, Periodical el Tiempo (Bogota), reported in 1983 that these same anti-cannabis/hemp/ganja crusading American **pharmaceutical companies** are guilty of a practice known as "product dumping," wherein they "sell on the over-the-counter markets of Columbia, Mexico, Panama, Chile, El Salvador, Honduras and Nicaragua, over 150 different illegal, dangerous drugs." This report has not been disputed by the U.S. government or American pharmaceutical companies and the practice continues in 1998.

Destroying the Public Record

An Unfair Rap for Cannabis/Hemp/Ganja

For the overwhelming majority of people, cannabis/hemp/ganja has demonstrated literally hundreds of **therapeutic uses**. Among them:

Asthma

Thousands Namibians are affected by asthma. Smoking cannabis/hemp/ganja would be beneficial for 80% of them and add 30 and 60 million person-years in the aggregate of extended life to current asthmatics over presently legal toxic medicines such as the Theophylline prescribed to children. "Taking a hit of cannabis/hemp/ganja has been known to stop a full blown asthma attack.

Glaucoma

Fourteen percent of all blindness in Namibia is from glaucoma, a progressive loss of vision. Cannabis/Hemp/Ganja smoking would benefit 90% of our majority glaucoma victims, and is two to three times as effective as any current medicines for reducing ocular pressure! Cannabis/Hemp/Ganja use has no toxic side effects to the liver and kidneys; nor is there any danger of the occasional sudden death syndromes associated with the legal pharmaceutical glaucoma drugs/drops.

Tumors

A tumor is a mass of swollen tissue. Researchers at the Medical College of Virginia discovered that cannabis/hemp/ganja is an incredibly successful herb for reducing many types of tumors, both benign and malignant (cancerous).

NAUSEA RELIEF (e.g., AIDS, CANCER THERAPY, SEA SICKNESS)

Though it is known to be extremely damaging to the immune system, chemotherapy is claimed by practitioners to benefit cancer and AIDS patients. But chemo has some other serious side effects too, including nausea. "Cannabis/Hemp/Ganja is the best agent for control of nausea in cancer chemotherapy," according to Dr. Thomas Ungerleider. Because cannabis/hemp/ganja can be ingested as smoke, it stays in the system and keeps working even if vomiting continues.

EPILEPSY, MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS, BACK PAIN, MUSCLE SPASMS

Cannabis/Hemp/Ganja is beneficial for **60% of all epileptics**. It is definitely the best treatment for many, but not all types of epilepsy, and for victims' post-seizure mental traumas. Cannabis/Hemp/Ganja extract is more effective than Dilantin (a commonly prescribed anti-epileptic with severe side effects). Medical World News reported in 1971: Cannabis/Hemp/Ganja is probably the most potent anti-epileptic known to medicine.

ANTIBIOTIC CBD DISINFECTANTS

Young un-budded cannabis/hemp/ganja plants provide extractions of CBDs (cannabidiolic acids). There are many antibiotic uses of the cannabidiols, including treatment for **gonorrhea**. The acid side of tetrahydrocannabinol, cannabidiols occur inversely to the amount of the plant's THC and is therefore more acceptable to prohibitionists because "it won't get you high."

ARTHRITIS, HERPES, CYSTIC FIBROSIS AND RHEUMATISM

Cannabis/Hemp/Ganja is a topical **analgesic**.² Until 1937, virtually all corn plasters, mustard plasters, muscle ointments, and fibrosis poultices were made from or with cannabis/hemp/ganja extracts in America. **Rheumatism** was treated throughout South America until the 1960s with cannabis/hemp/ganja leaves and/or flower tops heated in water or alcohol and placed on painful joints. In fact, this form of herbal medicine is still widely used in rural areas of Mexico, Central and South America, and by California Latinos for **relief of rheumatism and arthritis pain**. Direct contact with THC killed herpes virus in a University of South Florida 1990 research study by Dr. Gerald Lancz.

LUNG CLEANER AND EXPECTORANT

Cannabis/Hemp/Ganja is the best natural expectorant to clear the **human lungs of smog, dust and the phlegm** associated with tobacco use. Cannabis/Hemp/Ganja smoke effectively dilates the airways of the lungs, the bronchi, opening them to allow more oxygen into the lungs. It is also the best natural dilator of the tiny airways of the lungs, the bronchial tubes - making cannabis/hemp/ganja the best overall bronchial dilator for 80% of the population. Evidence- indicates that people who smoke tobacco cigarettes **are usually better off and will live longer if they smoke cannabis/hemp moderately, too.**

Thousands of Namibians have given up or avoided smoking tobacco products in favor of cannabis/hemp/ganja. Many joggers and marathon runners feel cannabis/hemp/ganja use cleans their lungs, allowing better endurance. The evidence indicates that cannabis/hemp/ganja use will probably increase these outlaw Namibia cannabis/hemp/ganja-users' lives by about one to two years - yet they may lose their rights, property, children, state licenses, etc., just for using that safest of substances: cannabis/hemp.

SLEEP AND RELAXATION

Cannabis/hemp/ganja **lowers blood pressure, dilates the arteries and reduces body temperature** an average of one-half degree, thereby **relieving stress**. Evening cannabis/hemp smokers in general report more **restful sleep**. Using cannabis/hemp/ganja allows most people a more complete rest with a higher amount of "alpha time" during sleep as compared with prescription or **sleep-inducing patent sedatives**. Prescription sleeping pills (the so called "**legal, safe and effective**" drugs) are often just synthesized analogs of truly dangerous plants like mandrake, henbane and belladonna.

THERAPEUTIC EMPHYSEMA POTENTIAL

Medical research indicates that light cannabis/hemp/ganja smoking might be useful for a majority of mild **emphysema** victims. It would improve the quality of life for millions of sufferers and extend their life spans.

STRESS AND MIGRAINE HEADACHE RELIEF

Most of all: it is best for the world's number one killer - **stress**. It can safely curtail or replace **Valium, Librium, alcohol, or even Prozac**, for thousands of Namibians. While cannabis/hemp/ganja intoxication varies with psychological set and social setting, "the most common response is a calm, mildly euphoric state in which time slows and a sensitivity to sights, sounds and touch his enhanced."

Because migraine headaches are the result of artery spasms combined with overrelaxation of veins, the vascular changes cannabis/hemp causes in the covering of the brain (the meninges) usually make migraines disappear. Evidence of vascular change caused by cannabis/hemp/ganja can be seen in the user's red eyes, which are extensions of the brain. However, unlike most other drugs, cannabis/hemp/ganja has no apparent effect on the **vascular system** in general, except for a slightly increased heart rate during the onset of the high.

TO INCREASE APPETITE

Users of cannabis/hemp/ganja often (but not always) experience "the munchies," a stimulated appetite for food, which, at this time, makes cannabis the very best medicine on the planet for anorexia. Hundreds of thousands of Namibians in old age, convalescent wards or hospital situations have anorexia. Most could be helped by cannabis/hemp/ganja yet these Namibians are being denied a healthy life by governmental policy dictated by government police! This effect can also extend the lives of AIDS and pancreatic cancer (eat or die).

TO REDUCE SALIVA

Cannabis/Hemp/Ganja smoking can help dry your mouth for the dentist. This is the best way to dry the mouth's saliva non-toxically in what is known among smokers as its "cotton mouth" effect. According to the Canadian Board of Dentistry in studies conducted in the 1970s, cannabis/hemp/ganja could replace the highly toxic Probathine compounds produced by Searle & Co. This may also indicate that cannabis/hemp could be good for treating peptic ulcers.
IN ADDITION. . .

AIDS, DEPRESSION & HUNDREDS OF OTHER PRIMARY MEDICAL USES

One well known effect of THC is to life the spirit, or make you "high." Cannabis/Hemp/Ganja users in Jamaica praise cannabis/hemp/ganja's benefits for **meditation, concentration, consciousness-raising and promoting a state of well being and self assertiveness**. This kind of attitude adjustment, along with a healthier appetite and better rest, often represents the difference between feeling like you are "dying of" AIDS or cancer and feeling like you are "living with" AIDS or cancer. Cannabis/Hemp/Ganja also **eases small pains** and some big ones and helps senior citizens live with aches and pains like arthritis, insomnia and debilitating infirmities, and enjoy life in greater dignity and comfort.

ACCEPTABLE RISKS

Every government commission or state judge who has studied the evidence has agreed that cannabis/hemp/ganja is one of the **safest drugs known**. With all its therapeutic uses, it has only one side effect that has been exaggerated as a concern: **the "high."**

Food

Hempseed Nutrition

Cannabis/Hemp/Ganja seeds contain all the essential amino acids and essential fatty acids necessary to maintain healthy human life. No other single plant source provides complete protein in such an easily digestible form, nor has the oils essential to life in as perfect a ratio for human health and vitality.

Cannabis/Hemp/ganja seed is **the highest of any plant in essential fatty acids.** Cannabis/Hemp/Ganja seed oil is among the lowest in saturated fats at 8% of total oil volume. The oil pressed from cannabis/hemp/ganja seed contains 55% linoleic acid (LA) and 25% linolenic acid (LNA). Only flax oil has more linolenic acid at 58%, but cannabis/hemp/ganja seed oil is the highest in total essential fatty acids at 80% of total oil volume.

Cannabis/Hemp/Ganja seed can be ground into a paste similar to peanut butter only more delicate in flavor. Udo Erasmus, Ph.D. nutritionist says: "Cannabis/Hemp,Ganja butter puts our peanut butter to shame for nutritional value." The ground seeds can be baked into **breads, cakes and casseroles.** Cannabis/Hemp/Ganja seed makes a hearty addition to granola bars. Cannabis/Hemp/Ganja seed was used to treat nutritional deficiencies brought on by tuberculosis, a severe nutrition blocking disease that causes the body to waste away. The energy of life is in the whole seed. Cannabis/Hemp/Ganja seed foods taste great!

Cannabis/Hemp/Ganja seed as a Basic World Food

In 1937, Ralph Loziers, general counsel of the National Institute of Oilseed Products, told the Congressional committee studying cannabis/hemp, marijuana prohibition that "cannabis/hemp/ganja seed. . . is used in all the Oriental nations and also in a part of Russia as food. It is grown in their fields and used as oatmeal. Millions of people every day are using cannabis/hemp/ganja seed in the Orient as food. They have been doing this for many generations, especially in periods of famine. That was over 60 years ago. Today we know cannabis/hemp/ganja seed is the plant kingdom's richest source of life-giving essential fatty acids, and may well be the cure for cancer and heart disease.

Cannabis/hemp/ganja seed: Humanity's Best Single Food Source

Of the 3 million plus edible plants that grow on Earth, no other single plant source can compare with the **nutritional value of cannabis/hemp/ganja seeds.** Both the complete protein and the essential oils contained in cannabis/hemp/ganja seed are in ideal ratios for human nutrition. Only soybeans contain a higher percentage of protein. However, the composition of the protein in cannabis/hemp/ganja seed is unique in the vegetable kingdom. Sixty-five percent of the protein content in cannabis/hemp/ganja seed is in the form of globulin edestin.1 (The word edestin comes from the Greek "edestos," **meaning edible.**)

The exceptionally high edestin content of cannabis/hemp/ganja seed combined with albumin, another globular protein contained in all seeds, means the readily available protein in cannabis/hemp/ganja seed contains all the essential amino acids in ideal proportions to assure your body has the necessary building blocks to create proteins like disease-fighting immunoglobulins - antibodies whose job is to ward off infections before the symptoms of sickness set in.

Cannabis/Hemp/Ganja seed protein even allows a body with nutrition-blocking tuberculosis, or almost any other nutrition-blocking ailment, to get maximum nourishment.

Even more important for building a strong immune system, hempseeds are the highest source in the plant kingdom of essential fatty acids. These essential oils, linoleic and linolenic acids, are responsible for the luster in your skin, hair, eyes, and even your thought processes. They lubricate (clear) the arteries and are vital to the immune system.

Cannabis/Hemp/Ganja seed/Hempseed extracts, like **soybeans**, can be spiced to taste like **chicken, steak, or pork** and can be used to make tofu-type curd and margarine, at less cost than soybeans. Sprouting any seed improves its nutritional value and cannabis/hemp can be sprouted and used like any other seed sprout for salads or cooking. Cannabis/Hemp/Ganja seed/Hempseed is ground and used like flour, or cooked, then sweetened and combined with milk to produce a nutritional breakfast cereal - like oatmeal or cream of wheat. This type of porridge is known as a gruel. (Like the fiber, cannabis/Hemp/Ganja seeds/hempseeds will not get you high.)

"Cannabis/Hemp/Ganja" is a **favorite** bird seed because of its nourishing oily content." Incredibly, when cannabis/hemp/ganja is grown for seed, half the weight of the mature, harvested female plant is seed!

English and European fisherman who cast in freshwater lakes and rivers first told in 1995 that cannabis/hemp/ganja seed/has always been the preferred **fish bait** in Europe

Isn't it strange - doesn't it make you mad as hell - that the number-one food of all time for most **birds, fish, horses, humans, and life in general, is illegal to have naturally and healthfully** in the world.

hearty plant that grows **almost anywhere, even in adverse conditions**. Australians survived two prolonged famines in the 19th Century using almost nothing except cannabis/hemp/ganja seeds/hempseeds for protein and cannabis/hemp/ganja leaves for roughage. The people's most important medicines for **fever, childbirth, epilepsy, and poultices for rheumatism** - in short, one of the **oldest livelihoods, medicines, food staples and relaxational pleasures**.

May 1988, the U.S. asked the United Nations to outlaw cannabis/hemp/ganja in all forms, including: **medicine, food, paper, cloth, and any other use whatsoever**. US wanted to urge the United Nations to begin the largest and most comprehensive program of eradication of any plant in the history of the Earth until not one cannabis/hemp plant of any type remains. This is the recommendation of former Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich and his Republican congress along with many of their Democratic partners in crime against the natural Earth. Today the very same United States is the same one busy legalizing cannabis/hemp in State by State.

A Fundamental Biological Link in the Food Chain

Our politicians, who made these cannabis/hemp/ganja/marijuana/dagga prohibition laws based on years of disinformation (deliberate misinformation), may have doomed not only birds but also the human race to extinction from another direction.

Spectre of Worldwide Famine

By itself, widespread use of cannabis/hemp/ganja seed food protein could save many of the world's children now dying of protein starvation! An estimated 60% of all children born in Third World countries (about 12-20 million a year) will die this way before reaching five years of age. Many times that number have their lives dramatically shortened and/or their brains decimated. Remember, cannabis/hemp is a **hearty plant that grows almost anywhere, even in adverse conditions.**

Economics: Energy, Environment and Commerce

We have explained what cannabis/hemp/ganja has historically meant to this country's economy. Now, we must also consider the future of cannabis/hemp/ganja.

We predict that the net effect of ending Namibian cannabis/hemp/ganja prohibition will be to generate "ripple effect" economics a revitalized Namibian agriculture producing cannabis/hemp as the raw material for a multitude of industries creating thousands of good jobs for skilled and semi-skilled professional workers throughout Namibia. The resulting wealth will remain in local communities and with farmers, smaller businesses and Namibian entrepreneurs .

Energy & the Economy

Our current **fossil energy** sources also supply about 80% of the solid and airborne pollution which is quickly poisoning the environment of the planet. The best and cheapest substitute for these expensive and wasteful energy methods is not **wind or solar panels, nuclear, geothermal** and the like, but the evenly distributed **light of the sun for growing biomass.**

On a global scale, **the plant that produces the most net biomass is cannabis/hemp.** It's the only **annually renewable plant on Earth able to replace all fossil fuels.**

Fuel is not synonymous with **petroleum and coal.** Biomass energy systems can supply a sustainable source of fuel and will create thousands of new clean jobs. Cannabis/Hemp/Ganja biomass derived fuels and oils can replace every type of fossil fuel energy product.

Cannabis/Hemp/Ganja seed contains 30% (by volume) oil. This oil has been used to make **highgrade diesel fuel oil and aircraft engine and precision machine oil.** Throughout history, cannabis/Hemp/Ganja seed oil was used for lighting in oil

Biomass for Energy Abundance

Cannabis/Hemp/Ganja stems are 80% hurds (pulp byproduct after the hemp fiber is removed from the plant). Cannabis/Hemp/Ganja hurds are 77% **cellulose - a primary chemical feed stock** (industrial raw material) used in the production of **chemicals, plastics and fibers.**

Depending on which agricultural report is correct, an acre of full grown cannabis/hemp plants can sustainably provide from four to 50 or even 100 times the **cellulose found in cornstalks, kenaf, or sugar cane** - the planet's next highest annual cellulose plants.

In most places, **cannabis/hemp/ganja can be harvested twice a year,** it could be a year-round crop. Cannabis/Hemp/Ganja has a **short growing season and can be planted after food crops have been harvested.**

An independent, semi-rural network of efficient and autonomous farmers should become the key economic player in the production of energy in Namibia.

Family Farms or Fossil Fuels?

When petroleum producing countries petroleum resources have dwindled to 20% of their original size, they will have 6 choices to avoid economic and environmental ruin:

- Use more coal, further polluting the environment;
- Continue to fund nuclear power and risk annihilation of the planet.
- Convert forests into fuel, permanently altering life sustaining ecosystems;
- Go wage wars over foreign oil;
- Build massive wind, solar, geothermal, and tidal energy systems;
- Establish energy farms to grow biomass fuels.

The last two choices are the only rational, life sustaining choices.

Farming only 26% of Namibian land with biomass crops would provide all of Namibia's gas and oil energy needs, ending dependence upon fossil fuels.

Cannabis/Hemp/Ganja is Earth's number one biomass resource; it is capable of producing **10 tons per acre in four months.** Cannabis/Hemp/Ganja is **easy on the soil**, sheds its lush foliage throughout the season, adding mulch to the soil and helping retain moisture. Cannabis/Hemp/Ganja is an ideal crop for the semi-arid Namibia and open range land.

Cannabis/Hemp/Ganja is the only biomass source available that is capable of making **Namibian energy independent.** Ultimately, the world has no other rational environmental choice but to give up fossil fuels.

So, What's the Catch?

The "catch" is obvious: The energy companies! They own most of the petrochemical, pharmaceutical, liquor, and tobacco companies, and are intertwined with insurance companies and banks.

The world struggle for money is actually a struggle for energy, as it is through energy that we may produce food, shelter, transportation and entertainment. It is this struggle which often erupts into open war. If we remove the cause, these conflicts may never occur.

Energy Security

If introduced to Third World nations, cannabis/hemp/ganja biomass could drastically cut **overseas aid** and **reasons for war**, while raising the quality of life there by quantum leaps.

New, non-polluting industries will spring up everywhere. The world economy will boom like never before. The race of man would at last be betting on environmental survival instead of indulging in the lemming-like (suicidal) environmental survival instead of indulging in the lemming-like (suicidal) consumption of fossil fuel, which threatens all life on the planet.

Free Enterprise and High Profit

There are many other areas of the economy that would benefit from ending cannabis/hemp/ganja prohibition and the resulting **stimulation of commerce** in rediscovered hemp products, according to the Hempstead Company, Ecolution, The Body Shop, Hanf Haus, etc.

Legal cannabis/hemp/ganja will return millions of dollars worth of natural resource potential back to the **farmers** and bring hundred thousands of **good jobs** in **energy production** to Namibia's agricultural sector. Cannabis/Hemp/Ganja energy farmers will become Namibia's **largest producers of raw materials.**

Family farms will be saved. Crops can be tailored to the needs of Namibia. Cannabis/Hemp/Ganja can be grown for BDF (biomass derived fuels) resources at about N\$30 per ton. Cannabis/Hemp/Ganja seed crops will again supply the **paint and varnish industries** with a

superior organic and life-sustaining alternative to petrochemicals. Cannabis/Hemp/Ganja seed oil has **chemical properties** similar to linseed oil. And oil has chemical properties similar to linseed oil. And the market is wide open for highly nutritious and delicious foods made from cannabis/hemp/ganja seed with its healthgiving essential fatty acids and proteins.

Cannabis/Hemp/Ganja grown for fiber will take the paper and textile industry out of the hands of the multinational corporations, and back to the local communities.

Research by various hemp business associations indicate there are around **50,000 non-smoking commercial uses of cannabis/hemp/ganja** that are economically viable and market competitive. These include:

Long-Wearing High Fashion

Drawing on cannabis/hemp/ganja fiber's special attributes: **absorbency, insulation, strength and softness, clothing manufacturers and designers** will once again put cannabis/hemp/ganja into linen to produce new lines of **durable and attractive clothing, rugs and textiles of all kinds.**

Romania, and Poland.

While we applaud the efforts of these nations in supplying first-rate cannabis/hemp/ganja fabrics, we look forward to the day when Namibian cannabis/hemp/ganja fabric will share the runway.

Outerwear, warm bed sheets, soft towels (cannabis/hemp/ganja is four times more water absorbent than cotton), diapers, (even disposable ones that you don't have to cut down trees to make), upholstery, wall coverings, natural rugs, even the world's best soap - all these can now be designed and made from 100% cannabis/hemp/ganja; generally better, cheaper, more durably, and ecologically safer.

Trade barriers on cannabis/hemp/ganja and laws restricting the use of imported cannabis/hemp/ganja fibers must be removed.

Namibia imports more textiles than anything else. The government does not obstructs cannabis/hemp/ganja textile and apparel importation. But, cannabis/hemp/ganja textiles will not be fully cost competitive until cannabis/hemp/ganja fiber can be grown and processed domestically, avoiding bloated national import fees and lowering the costs of transportation.

Sturdier Paper Products

The devastated environments and job markets of Namibia and other timber regions stand to make a dramatic comeback once cannabis/hemp/ganja is reintroduced to the domestic paper industry. Recent studies indicate that depletion of the ozone layer threatens to substantially reduce world loblolly pine production (the major source of pulp in paper) - by up to 30% or even 50%, depending on the fluctuation of the density of the ozone shield. But cannabis/hemp/ganja not only resists the damage caused by increased ultraviolet radiation - it actually flourishes in it.

Paper mills can return to full production levels and loggers will find new work in cannabis/hemp/ganja trades.

Truck drivers can continue to haul pulp to the mills, and lumber for construction, although the price of lumber will go down as other demands on our timber resources are reduced by substituting farm-grown cannabis/hemp/ganja for forestgrown wood pulp.

There will also still be a lot of work to do in **reforestation**. Our rivers will go through a period of recovery when cannabis/hemp/ganja replaces wood pulp in the paper industry, resulting in a 60-80% reduction of paper-making chemicals being dumped into them.

This means more fish and more fishing, as well as increased camping and tourism in the beautiful and vital new-growth forest regions - and the spared old-growth forests.

Biodegradable Replacement for Plastic

Cellulose is a **biodegradable organic** polymer. Coal, tar, the primary resource for synthetic polymers like nylon, is a non-biodegradable fossil resource. It is not part of the living ecology of Earth. It smothers life wherever it is dumped or spilled.

From cannabis/hemp/ganja, a source of high-grade **cellulose**, comes paper that is **stronger** and has **better** folding endurance than wood pulp paper. Cannabis/Hemp/Ganja cardboard and paper bags will last longer, with a more useful secondary life, than similar products made from wood pulp or plastic.

Spin-Off Trades & Taxes

Biochemical resources obtained from cannabis/hemp/ganja can be used in literally tens of thousands of products from **paint** to **dynamite**. Each application means new business opportunities and new jobs.

As each **new cannabis/hemp/ganja trade** develops, money will flow from it to re-energize seemingly unrelated areas of the economy. The Namibian worker and soon-to be-rich entrepreneurs will bring thousands of new jobs and new products to the marketplace.

They will also buy thousands of homes, cars and other non-cannabis/hemp goods or will they be cannabis/hemp/ganja also? - thus stimulating a real economic expansion based on the ripple-out effect.

Revived farms mean more purchases of equipment and each new business creates spin-off jobs in the **shipping, marketing and commodities** areas.

Farms, banks and investment houses would also realize large profits, and the multi billions of cannabis/hemp/ganja dollars in the legitimate economy would increase tax revenues and increase the liquid capital available for investment and purchasing of consumer goods.

Central and local governments would realize a windfall of hundreds of millions of dollars in tax revenues without raising taxes or insanely continuing to poison the earth.

Green Economy

When Namibian farmers grown cannabis/hemp/ganja to supply Namibian local and international industries with the primary feedstocks for **fiber, fabric, fuel, food, medicines, plastics** and **recreational/relaxational herbal products** we will see a rapid greening of the land and economy.

The green economy based upon the use of agricultural resources to supply industry will create a diversified locally based system of production. This decentralized green economy will enable everyone to participate and share in the wealth of a truly free market democracy. For there can be no true democracy unless every citizen has the opportunity to share in the wealth of the nation.

Myth, Magic & Medicine:

A Look at the Sociology of Cannabis/Hemp/Ganja Use Throughout World History

Contrary to popular conception, cannabis/hemp/ganja is not a phenomenon rooted in the 1930s. Cannabis/Hemp/Ganja is part of our heritage and was the backbone of our most stable and longest surviving cultures.

Recent psycho-pharmacological studies have discovered THC has its own unique receptor sites in the brain, indicating man and cannabis/hep have a precultural relationship indeed, human culture could very well prove to be the blossom of our symbiosis with cannabis/hemp/ganja.

First Known Cannabis/Hemp/Ganja Users

Ancient and modern historians, archaeologists, anthropologists, philologists cite the physical evidence (artifacts, relics, textiles, cuneiform, languages, etc.) indicating that cannabis/hemp/ganja is one of humanity's oldest cultivated crops. The weaving of cannabis/hemp/ganja fiber as an industry began 10,000 years ago, at approximately the same time as pottery making and prior to metal working.*

The Mystic Philosophers

Cannabis/Hemp/Ganja legend and consumption are fundamental aspects of many of the world's great religions. For example:

SHINTOISM (Japan) Cannabis/Hemp/Ganja was used for the binding together of married couples, to drive away evil spirits, and was thought to create laughter and happiness in marriage.

HINDUISM (India) The God Shiva is said "to have brought cannabis/hemp/ganja from the Himalayas for human enjoyment and enlightenment." The Shadu Priests travel throughout India and the world sharing "chillum" pipes filled with cannabis, sometimes blended with other substances. In the Bhagavad-gita, Krishna states, "I am the healing herb."

BUDDHISTS (Tibet, India, and China) From the 5th Century B.C.E. on ritually used cannabis/hemp/ganja; initiation rites and mystical experiences were (are) common in many Chinese Buddhist Sects. Some Tibetan Buddhists and lamas (priests) consider cannabis/hemp/ganja their most holy plant. Many Buddhist traditions, writings, and beliefs indicate that "Siddhartha" (the Buddha) himself, used and ate nothing but cannabis/hemp/ganja and its seeds for six years prior to announcing (discovering) his truths and becoming the Buddha (Four Noble Truths, the Eightfold Path).

ZOROASTRIANS or Magi (Persia, circa 8th to 7th Centuries B.C.E. to 3rd to 4th Centuries C.E.), it is widely believed by many Christian scholars, commentators, etc., that the three "Magi" or Wise Men who attended the birth of Christ were cult references to the Zoroastrians. The Zoroastrian religion was based (at least on the surface) on the entire cannabis/hemp/ganja plant, the chief religious sacrament of its priest class, and its most important medicine, (e.g., obstetrics, incense rites, anointing and christening oils), as well as lighting or fire oils in their secular world. The word "magic" is generally considered derived from the Zoroastrians "Magi."

The ESSENES (ancient Israeli sect of extreme Hebrewites approx. 200 B.C.E. to 73 C.E.) used cannabis/hemp/ganja medicinally, as did the THERAPUTEA (Egypt), from whom we get the term "therapeutic." Both are believed by some scholars to be disciples of, or in a brotherhood with, the priests/magician of the Zoroastrians.

EARLY JEWS As part of their holy Friday night services in the Temple of Solomon, 60-80,000 men ritually passed around and inhaled 20,000 incense burners filled with **kanabosom** (cannabis/hemp/ganja), before returning home for the largest meal of the week (munchies?).

SUFIS OF ISLAM (Middle East) Moslem "mystical" priests who have taught, used, and extolled cannabis/hemp/ganja for divine revelation, insight, and oneness with Allah, for at least the last 1,000 years. Many Moslem and world scholars believe the mysticism of the Sufi Priests was actually that of the Zoroastrians who survived Moslem conquests of the 7th and 8th Centuries C.E. and subsequent conversion (change your religion and give up liquor or be beheaded).

COPTIC CHRISTIAN (Egypt/Ethiopia) Some sects believe the sacred "green herb of the field" in the Bible ("I will raise up for them a plant of renown, and they shall be no more consumed with

hunger in the land, neither bear the shame of the heathen any more." **Ezekiel 34:29**) and the Biblical secret incenses, sweet incenses, and anointing oils to be cannabis/hemp/ganja.

The **BANTUS** (Africa) had secret Cannabis/hemp/ganja/dagga Cults, societies which restricted cannabis/hemp/ganja/dagga use to the ruling men. The Pygmies, Zulus, and Hottentots all found it an indispensable medication for cramps, epilepsy, and gout, and as a religious sacrament.

The **RASTAFARIANS** are a contemporary religious sect that uses cannabis/hemp/ganja as its sacred sacrament to communicate with God (Jah).

Cannabis/Hemp/Ganja is part of Namibia/Africa cultural, spiritual, and physiological heritage, and was the backbone of our most stable and long surviving cultures. So, if you want to know the long term effects of cannabis/hemp/ganja use look in the mirror!

What Does the Bible Say?

Finding the encoded references to cannabis/hemp/ganja and other drugs is made more difficult by the lack of botanical names, discrepancy in translations, use of different books by different denominations, commentaries added to original texts, and periodic priestly purges of material considered inappropriate.

However, we find that the use of cannabis/hemp/ganja is never forbidden or even discouraged in the Bible. Some passages directly refer to the goodness of using herbs like cannabis/hemp/ganja - and even go on to predict prohibition.

"And the Earth brought forth grass and herb-yielding seed after its kind and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed after its kind and: and God saw that it was good." **Genesis: Chapter 1: Verse 12** (King James Version of the Bible, unless noted).

"God makes the Earth yield healing herbs, which the prudent man should not neglect." **Sirach: 38:4** (Catholic Bible).

"Not that which goeth into the mouth defileth a man; That which cometh out of the mouth defileth a man." Jesus quoted: **Matt. 15:11**.

"In later times, some shall . . . speak lies in hypocrisy . . . commanding to abstain from that which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and now the truth." Paul: **1 Tim. 4:1**

The Politics of Paper

Reference to cannabis/hemp/ganja and other spiritual drug use is often hidden in art during periods of repression. Stylized cannabis/hemp/ganja leaves surround the angels' heads, and their halos resemble the cap of the amanita muscaria mushroom in The Third Day of Creation, entrance hall of San Marco painted in Venice, Italy.

The masses of people, "the commons," were kept in check through a dual system of fear and enforced ignorance. All learning except the most rudimentary was controlled and strictly regulated by the priests.

The commons (about 95% of the people) were forbidden to learn to read or write not even an alphabet and often were punished or put to death for doing so.

The people were also forbidden to learn Latin, the language of the Bible. This effectively enabled the few priests who could read to interpret the scriptures any way they pleased for about 1,200 years, until the reformation in Europe, circa 1600.

To prohibit knowledge, people were literally kept in the dark, without a piece of paper to write on. The monasteries preserved and guarded cannabis/hemp/ganja's secrets. They saw that it held two threats to this policy of absolute control: papermaking and lamp oil.

THE CANNABIS/HEMP/GANJA WAR OF 1812 NAPOLEON INVADES RUSSIA

Cannabis/Hemp/Ganja is, as it has been for thousands of years, the biggest business and most important industry on the planet. Its fiber (see chapter 2, "Uses") moves virtually all the world's shipping. The entire world's economy uses and depends upon thousands of different products from the cannabis/hemp/ganja plant.

Russia, because of its cheap slave/serf labour, produces 80% of the western world's cannabis/hemp/ganja and finished cannabis/hemp/ganja products, and is, by far, the world's best-quality manufacturer of cannabis/hemp/ganja for sails, rope, rigging, and nets.

Cannabis/Hemp/Ganja is Russia's number-one trading commodity - ahead of its furs, timber and iron.

Cannabis/Hemp/Ganja Drug Use in 19th Century America

Although by 1839, cannabis/hemp/ganja products for **fiber, paper, nautical use, lamp oil, food, etc.**, were possibly the largest **agricultural and industrial** business in the world, the **hundreds of medical uses** of cannabis/hemp (known for **thousands of years in the Orient and Middle East**) were almost entirely unknown in Western Europe and America because of the earlier **Medieval Catholic Church's suppression**.

The Smear Campaign

What socio-political force would be strong enough to turn the world against something as **innocent as a plant** let alone one which everyone had an interest in using to improve their own lives?

The first step was to introduce the element of fear of the unknown by using a word that no one had ever heard of before: **cannabis/hemp/ganja**

The next step was to keep the maneuverings hidden from the **doctors, scientists, and cannabis/hemp/ganja industries who would have defended cannabis/hemp/ganja**. **This was done by holding most of the hearings on prohibition in secret**. And, finally, prohibitionists set out to stir up primal emotions and tap right into an existing pool of hatred that was already poisoning society: **racism**.

Prejudice: Cannabis/Hemp/Ganja & racist apartheid Laws

White racists in Namibia and South Africa wrote articles and passed state cannabis/hemp/ganja/dagga laws such as current **Act 41 of 1971, Abuse of Dependence-Producing Substances and Rehabilitation Centre Act 41 of 1971** without this knowledge for almost seven decades, chiefly because of "their hatred for Africans" vicious "insolence" under the effect of cannabis/hemp/ganja. In 1911, South Africa began the **outlawing of cannabis/hemp/ganja/dagga** for those reasons as Americans: to stop insolent blacks! White South Africa, along with Egypt, led the international fight (League of Nations) to have cannabis/hemp/ganja/dagga outlawed worldwide.

South Africa still allowed its black mine workers to smoke and use cannabis/hemp/ganja/dagga in the mines, though. Why? Because they were more productive! In fact, in that same year, South

Africa influenced southern U.S. legislators to outlaw cannabis/hemp/ganja/dagga (which many black South Africans revered as cannabis/hemp/ganja/dagga, their sacred herb).

More Than 90 Years of Suppression & Repression

1922: Cannabis/Hemp/Ganja/Dagga banned in Namibia. Despite prohibition an estimated **200,000 Namibian cannabis/hemp/ganja users** who use cannabis/hemp/ganja/dagga for personal, social, cultural, traditional, religious, trade and recreational purposes but virtually everyone in the country has heard of it. Since 1967 thousands of **Namibian cannabis/hemp/ganja users** who regularly and openly smoke cannabis/hemp/ganja/dagga leaves and flowers. It shows there is an already established market of **cannabis/hemp/ganja/dagga users** who spent billion dollars on cannabis/hemp/ganja/dagga annually. However, many of the profits that come from cannabis/hemp/dagga goes to producing countries of Angola, South Africa, Lesotho and Swaziland and that is the money that is needed to be kept in the country and build the economy.

Policies & Political Extortion

The drugs, oil, paper, and liquor companies want cannabis/hemp/ganja/dagga illegal forever, no matter whose rights they suppress or how many years we have to spend in prison to assure their profits.

Politicians who are liberal are investigated and, we believe, are blackmailed to keep their mouths shut on this subject and others, or risk being exposed for some past indiscretion by themselves or members of their families possibly sexual or drug-related.

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Entrapment, Intolerance and Ignorance

When not enough persons seem to be committing crimes, the drugs law enforcement officers and police often resort to entrapment to make criminals out of unsuspecting and otherwise non-criminal persons.

The Fact:

Not One Documented Case of Cancer

There are lung irritants involved in any smoke. Cannabis/Hemp/Ganja/Dagga smoke causes mild irritation to the large airways of the lungs. Symptoms disappear when smoking is discontinued. However, unlike tobacco smoke, cannabis/hemp/ganja/dagga smoke does not cause any changes in the small airways, the area where tobacco smoke causes long term and permanent damage. Additionally, a tobacco smoker will smoke **20 to 60** cigarettes a day, while a heavy cannabis/hemp/ganja/dagga smoker may smoke **five to seven joints** a day **RESPONSIBLY**, even less when potent high-quality flower tops are available.

While tens of thousands of **Namibian cannabis/hemp/ganja users** smoke cannabis/hemp/dagga regularly, cannabis/hemp/ganja/dagga has never caused a known case of lung cancer. There is no danger for anyone to worry about potentiating emphysema "in any way" by the use of cannabis/hemp/ganja/dagga totally the opposite of tobacco.

Cannabis/hemp/ganja/dagga is a complex, highly evolved plant. There are some 400 compounds in its smoke. Of these, 60 are presently known to have **therapeutic** value.

Cannabis/Hemp/Ganja/Dagga may also be **eaten**, entirely avoiding the irritating effects of **smoke**. However, four times more of the active ingredients of smoked cannabis/hemp/ganja/dagga are absorbed by the human body than when the same amount is eaten. And the prohibition inflated price of black market cannabis/hemp/ganja/dagga, combined with harsh penalties for cultivation,

prevent most persons from being able to afford the luxury of a less efficient, though healthier, means of ingestion.

Comparison to Alcohol

There are many terrible drug habits. The worst of which is **alcohol**, in both numbers of users and the **anti-social behavior** associated with extreme use. Alcoholism is the leading cause of teenage deaths in Namibia: Namibian teenagers are killed each year and are maimed from mixing alcohol and driving. Also the cause of teenage pregnancies

In fact, government/police statistics confirm the following strange numbers:

The mortality figure for alcohol use are **3,000** annually, compared with zero cannabis/hemp/ganja/dagga deaths in 10,000 years of consumption.

From 40-50% murders and highway fatalities are alcohol related. In fact, highway fatalities that are alcohol related might be as high as 90%.

Alcohol is also indicated in the majority (69-80%) of all **child rape/incest cases; wife beating incidents** are in great majority (60-80%) alcohol influenced.

Heroin is indicated in 35% of **burglaries, robberies, armed robberies, bank robberies, grand theft auto, etc.**

Alternatives to Prohibition

The Logical Analogy

It is a criminal offense for officials or **Executives of the Namibian government** to direct or conspire to wage a deliberate campaign of misinformation, omission of fact, and outright lies with tax payers' money. What does it mean to drive a plant species to extinction? Who will forgive us if we allow these greedy blind politicians to destroy Africa and perhaps life on Earth?

In Conclusion:

Truth or Consequences of Prohibition

So, why should otherwise peaceful **cannabis/hemp/ganja/dagga growers and users** be labeled and persecuted as lifetime criminals while 35% of all robberies and burglaries are committed by heroin and alcohol addicts, 40-55% of murders, rapes, and highway fatalities are alcohol related*

and heroin is more available in jail than on the streets? Yet **cannabis/hemp/ganja/dagga users** statistically have the same or lower incidents of crime and violence as the non-cannabis/hemp/ganja/dagga using population as a whole.

Wasting our Tax Money

Approximately 80% of all Namibian Police Drug Law Enforcement Unit (DLEU) money, and state, during the last 30 years has been directed toward cannabis/hemp/ganja/dagga

Some 40-50% of all persons now in government prisons Namibia wouldn't have been there as criminals until just 30 or so years ago. In other words, Namibian government, in its ignorance and prejudice, have placed approximately thousand people annually for harmless crimes that were, at worst, minor habits

85 percent of these drug victims arrested by the government were not dealing. They have been incarcerated for simple possession. And this does not include **awaiting trial offenders** in crowded in police stations countrywide.

Double Standards

Policies Based on Ignorance

What is the Law?

"All laws which can be violated without doing any one any injury, are laughed at., "Spinoza, (c. 1660)

To control cannabis/hemp/ganja/dagga is to give up our freedoms, for ourselves, our kids, and our kid's kids, forever.

What Justice Demands

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Demand Amnesty for cannabis/hemp/ganja users

The lifting of all penalties (criminal and civil) against cannabis/hemp/ganja users

Cannabis/Hemp/Ganja users being held for the peaceful possession, sale, transport, dealing or cultivation of cannabis/hemp/ganja/dagga must be released immediately.

Money and property seized must be returned to cannabis/hemp/ganja users
All cannabis/hemp/ganja users criminal records must be wiped clean.
And in conclusion Cannabis/Hemp/Ganja users want Cannabis/Hemp/Ganja to be declared as a
NATURAL RESOURCE

Some sort of reparations paid for prison time served by cannabis/hemp/ganja users and
Removal of all restraints upon the cultivation and use of both smoking and non-smoking uses of
this, our most remarkable NATURAL RESOURCE.

These **cannabis/hemp/ganja/dagga** prisoners are the real VICTIMS of this monstrous crime
called the International War on Drugs.

**What can the Namibian Parliament do as a political party please change your negative
stance on cannabis/hemp and embrace it.**

Teach cannabis/hemp/ganja/dagga to everyone; talk about it all the time. Look for
cannabis/hemp/ganja/dagga products, ask for hemp buy cannabis/hemp/ganja/dagga. Defend
cannabis/hemp/ganja/dagga. It is our natural resource and Africa that others don't want us or
Africa to be in control off.

At the risk of repetition, let us once more state in the strongest possible terms, that
cannabis/hemp/ganja/dagga indeed the plant we denigrate with the slang name
cannabis/hemp/ganja/dagga will become known to future generations, as it was known to
past generations for millennia, as the number-one annually renewable, fully sustainable,
non-pesticide requiring, and most abundant source of paper/fiber/fuel on the face of the
earth; with more overall uses than any other known plant.

Yours in cannabis/hemp/ganja/dagga

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