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**Inter-Governmental Institution for the use of Micro-algae Spirulina Against Malnutrition
Inter-Governmental Observer to the United Nations Economic and Social Council**

“There are people in the world so hungry that God cannot appear to them except in the form of bread”

"Hay personas en el mundo tan hambrientas que D os no puede a parecerles a ellos, salvo en la forma de pan"

" Il y a des gens dans le monde qui sont si affam es que Dieu ne peut leur appara tre que sous la forme d'un pain."

"هناك كثير من البشر يتضورون جوعا في العالم، حتى  ن رحمة الله لا يمكن  ن تظهر لهم  لا في شكل خبز"

Mahatma Gandhi

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IIMSAM explores avenues of cooperation with Las Palmas de Gran Canarias and the Kingdom of Spain to eradicate malnutrition and secure the UN MDG’s through Spirulina



(H.E. Ambassador Manish Uprety with Mr Gonzalo P. Izquierdo and Ms. A D J Valido of the ITC at the Instituto Tecnol gico de Canarias and at the Laboratorio de Residuos Fitosanitarios de Canarias, Spain)

(IIMSAM Headquarters, New York, 14th September 2010) To realise its ambition of world free of malnutrition through Spirulina, the special emissary of the Secretary General of IIMSAM **H.E. Ambassador Remigio Maradona**, **H.E. Ambassador Manish Uprety**, the Chief of Technology Facilitation and Institutional Development of the organisation visited Las Palmas de Gran Canarias, Kingdom of Spain. The Kingdom of Spain has been amongst the leading Member States to espouse the cause of IIMSAM and to support the organisation’s mandate to make Spirulina a key-driver to eradicate malnutrition, achieve food security and bridge the health divide with a special priority for the **Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States**. In order to secure the United Nations Millennium Development Goals. IIMSAM shall be establishing cooperation agreements with the *Instituto Tecnol gico De Canarias*; AFRIMAR, *Instituto Canario de Ciencias Marinas*; the *Instituto Canario de Ciencias Marinas*; *Banco Nacioal De Algas* ; the *Centro Universitario De Cooperacion Internacional para el Desarrollo, Universidad De Las Palmas De Gran Canaria*; to help mainstream the use of Spirulina across the world,

the *Centro Logistico de Ayuda Humanitaria de la Cruz Roja y Media Luna Roja en Las Palmas* to include Spirulina in the humanitarian relief efforts and the *Puertos de Las Palmas*, to make the island a regional hub that shall help IIMSAM provide relief to western Africa and other parts of the world.

Spirulina that was declared by the United Nations World Food Conference of 1974 as *the best food for the future* holds tremendous potential to secure the UN MDGs for the peoples of the world.



H.E. Ambassador Remigio M. Mardona, the Secretary General of IIMSAM stated- *I take this opportunity to congratulate Las Palmas De Gran Canaria and the Kingdom of Spain for their initiative to help the cause of IIMSAM. At a time when the global food crisis has affected over a billion people and has left millions on the threshold of death, the very initiative is worthy of emulation by other Member states of the United Nations.*

The battle against malnutrition has to be a collective effort. I am confident that the knowledge sharing between IIMSAM, the Instituto Tecnologico De Canarias; AFRIMAR, Instituto Canario de Ciencias Marinas ; the Banco Nacional De Algas; and the Centro Universitario De Cooperacion Internacional para el Desarrollo, Universidad De Las Palmas De Gran Canaria would play a pivotal role to spread the benefits of phycology and algal biotechnology for the betterment of the humankind; whereas the cooperation with Centro Logistico de Ayuda Humanitaria de la Cruz Roja y Media Luna Roja en Las Palmas and the Puertos de Las Palmas shall help IIMSAM provide relief to the neediest.

*I am most grateful to my colleague **Ambassdor Kussay Ali Al Cheikh** who played an instrumental role to facilitate the visit of Ambassador Uprety to the Kingdom of Spain.*

Together we can and together we shall. I have no doubt that once actuated, the cooperation of IIMSAM with the Las Palmas de Gran Canarias and the Kingdom of Spain shall not only help establish lasting capacities and capabilities at the grassroots but would also help enrich human capital across the world.

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