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"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 Díos no puede a parecerles a ellos más que en la forma de pan"

" Il y a des gens dans le monde qui sont si affamés que Dieu ne peut leur apparaitre que sous la forme d'un pain."

Mahatma Gandhi

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IIMSAM underlines the importance of addressing the issue of global malnutrition through Spirulina on the World Disability Day



Ambassador Remigio M. Maradona, Director General-IIMSAM with IIMSAM Delegation Members:
at the IIMSAM Dar al Muamineen Centre in the Republic of Kenya.

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(IIMSAM Headquarters, New York, 4th December 2009) IIMSAM marked the 2009 World Disability Day by asking the international community to synergise its efforts for the social upliftment, political empowerment, and economic empowerment with the framework of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. Addressing an in-house gathering at the IIMSAM Headquarters that was attended by the members of the international diplomatic community and other stakeholders.

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H.E. Ambassador Remigio M. Maradona, Director General-IIMSAM stressed upon the need for the immediate ratification of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities by the Member States. He also noted that disability being an evolving concept, needs incorporation of the best mechanisms and practices by the international community in order to address the issue in a holistic manner.

H.E. Ambassador Remigio M. Maradona, Director General-IIMSAM stated- ***Being a disabled person myself who was afflicted by polio of upper extremities at the age of two, I can empathise with the extreme sufferings and hardships that my disabled brethren undergo everyday across the world. I know how it feels like to undergo pain, subjugation and discrimination without even uttering a word or a sigh. Good governance, development and security are the least we can deliver to our people.***

There are many forms of disabilities that can be avoided if holistic nutrition is provided to the mother and to the child. Spirulina was declared by the United Nations World Food Conference of 1974 as the best food for the future is not only a potent tool to eradicate malnutrition but also to address the issue of disability in many cases. I urge the global community to recognize the global nature of challenges we face, and urge them to work with us.



WHAT THE UN SAYS ABOUT SPIRULINA:

For WHO, Spirulina represents an interesting food for multiple reasons, rich in iron and protein, and is able to be administered to children without any risk. We at WHO consider it a very suitable food” - United Nations World Health Organization (WHO), Geneva, Switzerland June 8Th, 1993

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The UN-Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) Report on Spirulina 2008: There is a need for both national governments and inter-governmental organizations to re-evaluate the potential of Spirulina to fulfill both their own food security needs as well as a tool for their overseas development emergency response efforts.

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