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For the personal attention of:

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B e l g i u m

RE: Cellular phone technology- German doctors' appeal, SCENIHR Consultation

Dear Professor Barroso,

I presume to write to you in my position as a German physician who is working to protect us against the hazardous cellular phone technology. On the occasion of the sale of WiMAX licences in Germany, December 2006, a group of physicians made an appeal to the Chancellor (see attachment).

The European Commission is referring to the limits that are recommended by the WHO. For providing a new assessment of the limits, a consultation of the stakeholders was carried out by the SCENIHR in November 2006 ; they should write a comment to the preliminary Opinion on health effects caused by electromagnetic fields. Scientists, physicians and people suffering from electrohypersensitivity (EHS) took part in it and claimed a change of the limits.

Unfortunately, I received the information just a week ago that the group of scientists selected by the EU did confirm the existing limits as if there had been neither a Benevento Resolution, nor many studies of independent researchers , nor the results of the Consultation!

What about the health and consumer protection you are liable for? It appears to me that the EU is protecting the industry more than the citizens.

What about the conflicts of interest in your scientists? Ahlbom e.g. admits that he had worked for the tobacco industry in former years- you certainly know the great scandal.

That is why I would like to ask you some questions about some aspects of this global issue.

Did you take notice of the role that Michael Repacholi played in the WHO?

That he built up the EMF project in the WHO, that he is one of those who are responsible of the reference levels for electromagnetic fields (EMF) in cooperation with the ICNIRP, a private club comprising mostly of technicians? Reference levels that are based on the warming up of a dummy?

Did you take notice of the fact that he could not refute the allegation of taking a bribe from

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industry - against the rules of WHO? And, that there was a petition on the World Wide Web demanding an investigation of him and his removal from his position? Furthermore, that he is now working for the electricity industry and he ridicules his critics?

Do you know that one of the former directors-general of the WHO, Mrs. Brundtland, was suffering from EHS and she was accustomed to speaking frankly about it?

Do you know that Repacholi and his group tried to discredit the term of EHS and told us that this suffering was of psychological origin and it should be treated using behavioural therapy and antidepressant medication?

Do you know that Repacholi made a recommendation to the governments not to take EMF measurements if people are complaining about EHS?

That his assistant Dr. Deventer, one of the actually leading staff members of the EMF Project, lacks the medical qualifications and, of course, experience to make decisions about health related issues because she is an electrical engineer?

Are you familiar with the circumstances surrounding the death of another director-general, Mr. Lee Jong -Wok?

Do you know that he developed a blood clot in the brain whilst attending a conference- a blood clot is a rather frequent “side effect” of electromagnetic radiation?

Do you know that huge antennas are situated in the immediate neighbourhood of the WHO buildings? Not to mention the mobile phones and, perhaps, even Wireless LAN inside the WHO buildings.

The machinations of the tobacco industry have been made public in recent weeks. Scientists and physicians of a high political status had been involved, in Germany and in other countries.

There is a well-based suspicion that the same situation exists with respect to the mobile phone technology, with scientists supporting the industry. With the consequence that the warnings from physicians are not being listened to and heeded, as has been shown in the case of WiMAX.

Dr. Waldmann-Selsam, a colleague, and I both participated in a workshop in Geneva, in June 2005, under the leadership of Repacholi (“Base stations and wireless networks”). The majority of the participants were either from industry or government officers, in addition, scientists (some of them co-operating with the industry) and very few physicians and NGO representatives were present.

The discussion about “Risk communication” played a leading role- the warning statements of Dr. Waldmann-Selsam were ridiculed.

For further information please see the “Open Letter to the Chancellor, the literature references at the end of the letter and my letter that was sent to the SCENIHR- Consultation and its attachments.

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As this is a European and international problem, I am convinced that the European Commission should apply the precaution principle and insist on a careful revision of the reference levels of the electromagnetic fields (as it was recommended in the Benevento Resolution of 2006). I am rather sure this will only be possible by exchanging the scientists who are responsible of the act of revision.

I trust that you will take notice of the points that I have raised in this letter and that you will take the appropriate action ***to protect the health and wellbeing of people world wide, as a matter of urgency.***

I look forward to your interest and cooperation in this matter

Yours sincerely,

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(in cooperation with Margaret E. White)

2 attachments (Open letter and Letter to the SCENIHR with attachments)