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RE: Cellular phone technology- German doctors' appeal

Dear Dr. Chan,

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

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 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 your predecessors, Mrs. Brundtland, was suffering from electrohypersensitivity (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?

Are you familiar with the circumstances surrounding the death of another predecessor, 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?

Are you aware of the huge antennas that 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.

Do you know about the machinations of the tobacco industry that have been made public in recent weeks?

And, that 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” and the literature references at the end of the letter.

As this is an international problem, I am convinced that the WHO should take control of the EMF task group **Do you** really consider that Dr. Emilie van Deventer (an electrical engineer and member of the IEEE), who was Michael Repacholi's assistant, is the appropriate person to be engaged in the EMF Project and consideration of health effects of radiation? Dr Deventer lacks the medical qualifications and, of course, the medical experience which must surely be essential for anyone making decisions about health related issues. Certainly, her associations with industry are incompatible with the requirements of the position I suppose.

The WHO should insist on a revision of the reference levels, this should be

carried out with the cooperation of independent scientists.

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,

Dr. Christine Aschermann

(in cooperation with Margaret E. White)

1 attachment (Open letter)

This letter will be sent to you by e-mail and by post, too, and will be supplied to various NGOs/Citizens' Groups as an Open letter.