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Open letter of "No Confidence" to the World Health Organization (WHO)

The **"European coordination of organizations for an EMF exposure regulation which truly protects public health" (*)** expresses its full support for the BioInitiative Working Group Letter to the WHO International EMF Project of 19 December 2016, entitled **"WHO RF EHC Core Group Membership is Unacceptable"**. In this **"No Confidence" Letter**, the WHO is urged **"to make changes to the WHO RF EHC Core Group membership to more fairly reflect membership and expertise of the 2011 IARC RF Working Group"** (see [Annex 1](#)).

"Newly released animal studies conducted over a 16-year period by the NIEHS National Toxicology Program now report clear carcinogenic effects of chronic exposure to RF. In June of 2016, the NTP documented statistically significant risks for cancers of the brain and heart, as well as pre-cancerous lesions in animals exposed to RF, but not in control animals. Both human and animal results are now available to incorporate in the RF EHC risk assessment. This important effort can only be assured with a more balanced composition of core participants in the process. As well, the membership needs to be inclusive of under-represented countries such as Russia, China, India, Turkey, and Iran whose research communities have produced the majority of studies on non-thermal effects of RF in recent years".

The preponderant presence of members of the *International Commission on Non-Ionizing Radiation Protection* (ICNIRP) reminds us that this organization has steadfastly refused to accept new scientific evidence of potential health risks from non-thermal, low-intensity radiofrequency radiation despite recent scientific advances in knowledge on the subject.

The ICNIRP not only does not guarantee transparency or independence but is known that there are conflicts of interest within it, undermining the impartiality that should govern the regulation of limits on non-ionizing radiation people. Although it is essential that industry be involved and cooperate in this process, industry should not be allowed to bias its processes or conclusions (see [Annex 2](#), report prepared by [AVAATE](#) in June 2015 on these conflicts of interest of the ICNIRP).

In 2015, more than 220 scientists from 41 nations that have published peer-reviewed papers on the biological or health effects of non-ionizing radiation, requested the WHO and the UN to protect human and wildlife exposure to such fields:

"Numerous recent scientific publications have shown that EMF affects living organisms at levels well below most international and national guidelines. Effects include increased cancer risk, cellular stress, increase in harmful free radicals, genetic damages, structural and functional changes of the reproductive system, learning and memory deficits, neurological disorders, and negative impacts on general well-being in humans. Damage goes well beyond the human race, as there is growing evidence of harmful effects to both plant and animal life. These findings justify our appeal to the United Nations (UN) and, all member States in the world, to encourage the World Health Organization (WHO) to exert strong leadership in fostering the development of more protective EMF guidelines, encouraging precautionary measures, and educating the public about health risks, particularly risk to children and fetal development. By not taking action, the WHO is failing to fulfill its role as the preeminent international public health agency" (see [Annex 3](#), International EMF Scientist appeal, and [Annex 4](#), list of organizations that support it).

We emphasize the need to ensure a high level of transparency, impartiality and plural criterion to expert assessments on health risks of non-ionizing electromagnetic fields (EMF), at all levels of decision, on basis of the WHO rules (point 4.2 of the Regulations for Expert Advisory Panels and Committees, points 2.6 and 4.6 of the Regulations for Study and Scientific Groups, Collaborating Institutions and Other Mechanisms of Collaboration, and articles 44-47 and 67 of the Rules of Procedure of the World Health Assembly), and in line with points 8.5.7 and 8.5.8 of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, Resolution 1815 (2011) on the potential dangers of electromagnetic fields and their effect on the environment, as well as with the Aarhus Convention (1998) on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters. The implementation of these principles would guarantee not only a pluralistic WHO RF EHC Core Group membership, but also the presentation of alternative scientific interpretations, the "views" of citizens and the presence of relevant groups involved with this issue.





ANNEX 1. BioInitiative Working Group Letter to the WHO EMF Program Manager on 19 December 2016: <http://www.bioinitiative.org/bioinitiative-working-group-issues-a-no-confidence-letter-to-the-who-emf-program-manager/>

ANNEX 2. "There appears to be a conflict of interest between the WHO and the ICNIRP". AVAATE (2015): http://www.peccem.org/DocumentacionDescarga/internacional/ICNIR/conflict.of.interest_icnir_2015.en.pdf


ANNEX 3. International EMF Scientist Appeal on 11 May 2015: <https://www.emfscientist.org/index.php/emf-scientist-appeal>

ANNEX 4. Letter of Support for the International EMF Scientist Appeal From Non-Governmental EMF Advocacy Organizations (NGOs). International EMF Alliance (2016): <http://www.iemfa.org/emf-scientist-appeal-to-the-united-nations/>

Signataires:

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	http://www.infoamica.it/	amica@infoamica.it
	Associazione Italiana Elettrosensibiliti (Italian "Electrosensitivity" association) – Italy	
	http://www.elettrosensibili.it/	presidente@elettrosensibili.it
	Beperk de Straling (Limit Radiation) - Belgium	
	http://www.beperkdestraling.org/	Beperk.de.straling@gmail.com
	Coordination Nationale des Collectifs contre les antennes relais (National Coordination of Collectives against the masts) - France	
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	EQSDS. Electro y Químico sensibles por el Derecho a la Salud (EHS & MCS people for the right to health) – Spain	
	http://electrosensiblesderechosalud.org/	electrosensiblesderechosalud@gmail.com
	Electrosensitivity in Ireland – Ireland	
	https://iervn.com/contact-us-2/	https://iervn.com/contact-us-2/
	EM-Radiation Research Trust – United Kingdom	
	http://www.radiationresearch.org/	eileen@radiationresearch.org
	Fundacja Instytut Badań Elektromagnetycznych im. Jamesa Clerka Maxwella (Foundation Research Institute of Electromagnetic Jamesa Clerka Maxwella) – Poland	
	http://www.ibe.org.pl/	ibe@ibe.org.pl
	Movimento para a Prevenção da Poluição Electromagnética (Movement for the Prevention of Electromagnetic Pollution) – Portugal	
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	PECCEM. Plataforma Estatal Contra la Contaminación Electromagnética (State Platform of Organizations Against Electromagnetic Pollution) – Spain **	
	http://www.peccem.org/	coordinacion@peccem.org
	Association Nationale Robin des Toits (National Association Robin Roofs) - France	
	http://www.robindestoits.org/	contact@robindestoits.org
	SOS EHS-EASC (Electrohypersensitivity - Environmental Diseases of Central Sensitization) – Spain	
	http://s0s.snappages.com/	sos.ehs.easc@gmail.com
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	https://www.stichtingehs.nl/	https://www.stichtingehs.nl/stuur-een-mail
	Stralskyddsstiftelsen (Swedish Radiation Protection Foundation) – Sweden	
	http://www.stralskyddsstiftelsen.se/	info@stralskyddsstiftelsen.se
	Verein Für Elektrosensibel Und Mobilfunkgeschädigte E.V. – Germany	
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* **The European Coordination of organizations for an EMF exposure regulation, which truly protects public health**, is driving the [European Manifesto in Support the ECI in favour of the precautionary regulation of the EMF exposure](#). Amongst the [signatories](#) to this European Manifesto there are scientists, researchers and experts, as well as professional bodies and associations and representatives of civil society organizations (from health advocates, consumers, neighbours, environmentalists, ecologists, labour union, parents of students, people with central sensitization syndromes -electro-hypersensitivity, multiple chemical sensitivity, chronic fatigue syndrome, fibromyalgia, etc.-, brain tumour patients, concerned citizens and activists associations working in the field of electromagnetic pollution), coming from 26 countries (Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Denmark, Finland,

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France, Germany, India, Ireland, Italy, Macedonia, Netherlands, Panama, Poland, Portugal, UK, Russia, South Africa, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and USA).

**** The Spanish State Platform Against Electromagnetic Pollution (PECCEM)** is made up of Confederations, federations and associations involving diverse sectors of civil society: neighborhoods (such as CEAV, FRAVM, CAVA, ...), environmentalists and ecologists (such as more than 300 groups that make up the Confederation of Ecologists in Action or organizations of strong local implementation as the APDR), consumers (such as FACUA Castile and Leon), parents of students, people with central sensitization syndromes (such as EQSDS and SOS EHS-EASC), and for the protection of public health from electromagnetic pollution (such as the AVAATE pioneer association)

Other European organizations first signatories:

	CAVISOC. The CAVI Society. Children As Victims Inquiry – United Kingdom	
	http://www.cavisoc.org.uk/	dihanson@blueyonder.co.uk
	EHS Foreningen af el-overfølsomme (Association for the Electromagnetically Hypersensitive) – Denmark	
	http://www.ehsf.dk/	
	Electrosensitivity UK – United Kingdom	
	http://www.es-uk.info/	enqirers@es-uk.info
	Folkets Strålevern (Citizens Radiation Protection) - Norway	
	http://www.folkets-stralevern.no/	http://www.folkets-stralevern.no/kontakt/
	Kompetenzinitiative zum Schutz von Mensch, Umwelt und Demokratie (Competence initiative for the Protection of Mankind, the Environment and Democracy) - Germany	
	http://kompetenzinitiative.net/	http://kompetenzinitiative.net/KIT/KIT/kontakt/
	Mast-Victims.org – United Kingdom / Denmark	
	http://www.mast-victims.org/	info@mast-victims.org
	Ogólnopolskie Stowarzyszenie Przeciwdziałania Elektrosmogowi Prawo Do Życia (National Association for the Prevention of Electrosmog in the defence of life) - Poland	
	http://prawodozycia.pl/	http://prawodozycia.pl/kontakt/ , gelzok@wp.pl
	Physicians' Health Initiative for Radiation and Environment (PHIRE) – United Kingdom	
	http://phiremedical.org/	http://phiremedical.org/contact/
	Polska Unia Właścicieli Nieruchomości (Polish Union of Property Owners) - Poland	
	http://www.puwn.pl/	biuro@puwn.pl
	Powerwatch - United Kingdom	
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	Priartem / Electrosensibles de France - France	
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	Rådet for Helbredssikker Telekommunikation (Council on Health-safe Telecommunications) - Denmark	
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	Rete No Elettrosmog Italia (Italian network against electromagnetic pollution) - Italy	
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	Sähköherkät ry (EHS Association) - Finland	
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	Stowarzyszenie Na Rzecz Osób z Zespołem Aspergera i Ich Rodzin "Jestem ZA" (Association of people with Asperger's syndrome and their families "Jestem ZA") – Poland	
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	Stowarzyszenie na rzecz rozwoju Bielan "NASZE BIELANY" (Bielany Development Association of Cracow) - Poland	
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	StralingsArmVlaanderen (low radiation Flanders) - Belgium	
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	Teslabel Coordination – Belgium	
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*** The International Electromagnetic Fields Alliance (IEMFA) counts 111 supporting organizations from 26 countries and over 50 Scientists & Experts		