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Open Letter

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WiMax-Auction

Dear Ms Chancellor

'Refugees': this could be the headline for what is now happening at various places in Germany. Eg. in Oberammergau, where new, extremely low frequency pulsed communications technologies from T-Mobile are being trialled. These also are inducing hitherto healthy people to seek protected areas, because they can no longer endure being in their own home. The Mayor is threatening to turn off the electricity supply to the T-mobile transmitter, if the operator does not remove this technology again.

In December, the auctioning-off of WiMax is due to take place, to a broadband wireless communication system in the region of 3.4-3.6 Giga Hertz with a [transmission] range of up to 40 kilometres, that is due to be introduced over the whole area of Germany. The regions have already been zoned and it is already in operation in several regions.

With WiMax, it involves a new type of technology, that, like GSM and UMTS, has not been researched in this form with respect to its long term risks for humans and that is not sufficiently covered with conventional measuring equipment. Although numerous studies indicate GSM and UMTS damage, the population are now to be exposed to a new technology!

Dear Frau Dr Merkel, You must certainly know about the extensive environmental medicine research studies [carried out] from 1960 to 1996 in the Soviet Union, that were reviewed by Karl Hecht of the Charite Berlin. These give a comprehensive description of the health disorders now known as Microwave Syndrome, due to the effects of electromagnetic fields (EMF), together with details of the sequence in which they occur (see enclosure Hecht pp. 36-41). It is precisely these illness patterns that we doctors are now observing in our patients.

The German Federal Agency for Radiation Protection [Bundesamt für Strahlenschutz (BfS)], the ICNIRP as private club that recommends the limits and the World Health Organisation (WHO) do not protect the population. Neil Cherry in New Zealand was the first person who revealed the scientific deception with respect to the risk evaluation of the electromagnetic radiation (see bibliography). However, this goes unnoticed by large sections of the general public. ICNIRP and WHO as well as the BfS have refused to date to take into account new research findings and they try to discredit them (see enclosure Adlkofer on the REFLEX-Studie). There have been years of suspicion of corruption against Repacholi, who until around July 2006 was the director of the WHO-EMF task group. Today, now that Repacholi works as an adviser to the electricity industry, he admits it openly and says that the WHO only provided the secretarial services for his workshops with the industry.

Already with the GSM-, then with the UMTS-Technology, that likewise through its auctioning-off has generated an income of 50 billion Euros for the Government, the tolerable level of exposure to high-frequency radiation for the population (and for animals and plants) has been greatly exceeded. The suffering and deaths in the population has long begun! (see eg. TNO-, REFLEX-, Naila-Study)

As a result of the long range of the WiMax-transmitters we will all, that is millions of people, be increasingly exposed immeasurable dangers for the profit of the operators and the Government. Thereby, Article 2, Paragraph 2 of The Basic Law [das Grundgesetz] is being flagrantly contravened!

Please consider the enormous intangible and tangible costs (for life and health, often beginning with psychological disturbances/ personality changes – caused by brain damage – through to immune system weaknesses to heart infarctions /strokes and cancers as well as for the medical treatments, medications, operations, periods of absence from work, early retirement etc.), that are already becoming only too clearly apparent (see for example. Jahresbericht der Techniker-Krankenkasse 2006 'Zunahme psychischer Erkrankungen') [Annual Report of the Techniker-Krankenkasse 2006 'Increase in psychological illnesses']).

Those responsible in politics, parliamentarians, the responsible ministers and officials, are turning a blind eye to this. The competencies are fragmented, the German Federal Ministry of The Environment [Bundesumweltministerium] – that is responsible for radiation protection – declares that it has not the competency ((in this affair)), the German Federal Ministry of Economy [Bundswirtschaftsministerium] has long ago commissioned the German Federal Network Agency for Electricity, Gas, Telecommunications, Postal Service and Railways [Bundesnetzagentur] under their control to implement the auctioning-off process.

However, at the same time, the publication of the results of the German mobile telecommunications programme (with 50% industry financing), to which reference is readily made from the official side, is deferred to the end of 2007/beginning of 2008.

A survey was recently carried out by the European Commission for Health and Consumer Protection on the theme 'Possible Health Effects of the Electromagnetic Fields on Human Health'. Even if the exact results are not yet available, it can already be stated that a flood of comments, descriptions of illnesses etc. arrived there from the whole of Europe.

Do you want to dismiss all this, as others unfortunately do, as scaremongering and hysteria? The 'fear causes illness' is asserted. In this connection, we must comment from a medical doctor viewpoint that very many of the affected individuals do not at all associate their ill health with mobile telecommunications and they use their private mobile phone unsuspectingly.

Dear Ms Chancellor, **we request you urgently** to see for yourself, form your own conclusions and do not rely exclusively on your staff and advisors!

In September 2006, a resolution was passed by the participants of a Workshop, carried out by the 'International Commission for Electromagnetic Safety' (ICEMS) in Benevento, Italy, which we fully endorse.– This established the following :

Quotation:

Pt . 4. Arguments that weak (low intensity) EMF cannot affect biological systems do not represent the current spectrum of scientific opinion.

Pt . 5: Based on our review of the science, biological effects can occur from exposures to both extremely low frequency fields (ELF EMF) and radiation frequency fields (RF EMF). Epidemiological and in vivo as well as in vitro experimental evidence demonstrates that exposure to some ELF EMF can increase cancer risk in children and induce other health problems in both children and adults. Further, there is accumulating epidemiological evidence indicating an increased brain tumour risk from long term use of mobile phones.

Pt. 6: We encourage governments to adopt a framework of guidelines for public and occupational EMF exposure that reflect the Precautionary Principle.² Precautionary strategies should be based on design and performance standards and may not necessarily define numerical thresholds because such thresholds may erroneously be interpreted as levels below which no adverse effect can occur. Quotations: (see enclosures)

Signatures of 42 scientists (Position in October 2006).

We are writing to you as medical doctors who have an obligation towards maintaining the wellbeing of the patients, just as you as the Federal Chancellor have an obligation to prevent damage to the German people.

Dear Ms Chancellor, we know that it is very late for our Appeal, but not too late:

Exercise all your influence and stop the auctioning-off of the WiMax-Frequencies!

With best wishes

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