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Dear Director-General:

I have recently read the document entitled "WHO Workshop on Electrical Hypersensitivity, Prague, Czech Republic, October 25-27, 2004. Working Group Meeting". I am now writing to advise you how disappointed I am with some of the recommendations. In particular, I am referring to the recommendations on page 8 under the headings **Information for the General Public and Advice to Governments**, both of which include the point: "discourage measurements in homes".

This advice to the General Public and to Governments is so completely contrary to sensible thinking and so fundamentally wrong that the World Health Organization may be criminally liable for offences in the countries that follow these guidelines. I base this statement on my own experience and situations where I have had personal involvement.

If the WHO is considering only simple EMFs as being the cause of many people's illnesses, the WHO is quite wrong. A better way to describe the real problem is "electrical pollution" or "electrosmog". This includes:

1. Electromagnetic fields
2. Electrical fields
3. Ground current electricity
4. Dirty electricity on the power distribution systems
5. Broadcast signals from a variety of different sources, including cellular telephones, radar and wireless devices.

If the WHO is not willing to consider how all of these problems interact and cause health problems, the WHO will fail to diagnose the true cause of many severe illnesses and will fail in its duties to the world population.

In the WHO document, the working group has chosen a description other than electrohypersensitivity and has called the illnesses "Idiopathic Environmental Intolerance" (IEI). My description is a little more simple to understand and is more to the point – "electrical and radio frequency radiation poisoning". The persons that you refer to as IEI suffer their illnesses only after being exposed to dangerous levels of electrical

pollution. They have been poisoned, possibly by one of the above named toxic ingredients, but it is more likely that a mixture of two or more elements caused their illnesses.

It is totally irresponsible for the WHO to discourage the testing of homes of persons suffering from EMFs and other forms of electrical pollution. Severe suffering and even death may result for those who do not get help. The WHO should reverse the current recommendations, and advise complete and thorough testing of victims' homes and, possibly, their workplaces. It is very important to identify and quantify the reasons why so many people are being made sick by electrical pollution. Missing any one of the above "ingredients" of electrical pollution may fail to find the real reason for a victim's sickness and cause further suffering and danger. If several new viruses were causing death and suffering throughout the world, surely the WHO would not simply say to Governments - "do not try to identify them". Why, then, has the WHO ignored the significant health damage already occurring in many countries because of electrical pollution? Is the WHO going to wait until a catastrophic amount of harm is visible to all the population, before taking action?

My own situation is an example of the need to identify and measure the different elements of electrical pollution. Considerable ground current electricity was found inside my home even when all of the electricity was disconnected. High electrical fields were located throughout the basement and on the telephone lines. Electromagnetic fields covered the whole house and were particularly high at the outdoor drilled water well. Various low and high frequencies were located on the electricity flowing through the house. I suffered a variety of very adverse health symptoms and developed prostate cancer within one year of living at my home. My wife and I have been unable to live in our own house for ten months now, and we have been forced to find alternate accommodation because the electrical utility company has refused to correct problems with their distribution system. Canadian health care and government authorities have failed to provide any meaningful assistance or advice about our electrical pollution problem. Without the assistance of an electronics expert who provided detailed measurements, I would not have known what was causing my illness and would have probably continued to grow increasingly ill. Your recommendations enable governments and utility companies to continue their bad and dangerous practices, while at the same time leaving sufferers helpless to correct their situations.

Within the last few weeks, I have been involved in three situations where the measurement of victims' homes resulted in the discovery of dangerous electrical pollution that was causing serious illness. In a rural house northwest of Toronto, a wireless plug-in telephone jack was causing massive amounts of high frequency radiation inside the home. After the wireless jack and other problematic items were unplugged, a female occupant of the home reported a drastic improvement to her health. She was able to walk properly, climb stairs, and sleep all night, which she had not been able to accomplish previously. She also reported that she was no longer experiencing many severe migraines, only "normal" headaches. Only the use of special instruments located the problematic devices that were causing so much harm.

Upon request, I recently attended in Toronto at the apartment of a woman who was disabled by electrical pollution. A defective fluorescent light fixture in the apartment below seemed to be the cause of very high levels of EMFs that were emanating from

the kitchen floor. In the bedroom of the same apartment, near to the place where the victim's head lies when she is sleeping, a very high amount of high frequency radiation was discovered coming from the wall. The problem was eventually located in the next apartment, where an almost new wireless telephone was found to be the source of extremely high amounts of radio frequencies. This was a problem even when the telephone was not in use, and simply resting in its cradle. Only careful testing with a variety of different sensitive instruments managed to locate these very serious electrical pollution problems. Unfortunately, the victim is so electrically hypersensitive that she still suffers greatly. In her previous efforts to get help from doctors, she had been referred to psychiatrists and had not been provided with any meaningful help. The WHO recommendations actually encourage this type of treatment by failing, as an organization, to explore the connection between electrical pollution and sickness, and by advising physicians not to search for causal factors when treating victims. Furthermore, the WHO undermines the serious nature of this problem by advising governments that there are no grounds to use IEI as a diagnostic classification.

In a different situation, in a rural home located west of Toronto, I found another wireless telephone that was producing and transmitting very high levels of high frequency radiation, but only when the telephone was turned on and in use. The victim complained of tinnitus, severe ear pain in the area where the receiver was normally held against her head, and severe pain linked to her neck and back. In the short amount of time since this problem was identified and she stopped using the wireless phone, the victim has reported that her injuries have improved by fifty percent.

In the workplace of an assistant professor at a Canadian University, extremely high levels of ground current electricity were located flowing through his office. He has developed such severe sensitivities to the electrical pollution, that he cannot work in that office and is experiencing great difficulty finding a place to live where he does not feel ill. A university office tower located near his office houses many different broadcast and cell phone antennae. Amongst the workers in the top floors of that tower, there are several persons who have developed cancer.

In each of these situations, it was difficult to locate and identify the cause of the harm. Even simple EMF measurements, which you discourage, would have been inadequate. The victims would have continued to be harmed, their quality of life would have been degraded, and their lives would have been at risk. If the WHO continues with its recommendations to discourage the measurement of homes, you will be ensuring that many people will suffer, become ill, and possibly die, and that the real causes of their sicknesses will not be identified by health authorities.

There are clear signs that electrical pollution is becoming a major health problem throughout the developed world. The recommendations from this working group will ensure that the WHO stays "willfully blind" to the causes of what appears to be a major environmental disaster. This health threat is so significant that the WHO should give it highest priority. Instead, your feeble response to date is compromising the safety of those you should be protecting.

In conclusion, I recommend that the health dangers of electrical pollution be brought to the attention of all governments and health authorities throughout the world. Also,

thorough and complete testing of victims' homes should be recommended to governments, health authorities and health care professionals, so that the electrical pollution harming citizens can be identified. Only by this means will the WHO be able to properly recognize the real causes of these illnesses and be in a position to make recommendations for a safer world environment in the future.

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