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Attention: Dr. E. van Deventer

Subject: Proposed Substitutions on WHO RF EHC Core Group

and Advisory Committee Membership

On December 19, 2016 the BioInitiative Working Group urged your office to make immediate changes to the WHO RF EHC Core Group and Advisory Committee to more fairly reflect membership and expertise of the 2011 IARC RF Working Group. We have not yet received a reply acknowledging our letter.

At present the WHO RF EHC Core Group is indistinguishable from ICNIRP and this undermines the credibility of the process and ensures doubt about conclusions. We support the WHO in its stated objectives 'to develop a solid base of scientific evidence and help countries effectively identify and manage RF health risks'. It is important that the most knowledgeable panel of experts be appointed to prepare the RF EHC Monograph. At present, the EHC Core Group members uniformly represent attitudes and scientific positions of ICNIRP, an organization whose membership 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.

We are recommending substitutions for membership as indicated on the attached page. Please note that we are suggesting a complete replacement for those persons currently holding positions.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the BioInitiative Working Group by:

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Feychting M. (epidemiological studies) (epidemiological studies)
Mann S.M. (physics, dosimetry)

(physics, dosimetry)
(physics, dosimetry)
(in vitro studies)
(human studies)
(animal studies)

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## Additional experts

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