



To
United Nations Environmental Programme
World Health Organisation
Representatives of UNEP and WHO working on the State-of-the-Science Report on EDCs

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Dear Ludovic Bernaudat, dear Lesley Onyon

We have noted with great interest the plans to update the State-of-the-Science Report on EDCs, based on UNEA Resolution 5/7. This update will be much welcomed as scientific knowledge on endocrine disruptors (EDs) continues to grow and evolve, and regulatory agencies need up-to-date science to effectively protect citizens and the environment from their harmful effects.

We note the call for expert nominations for the advisory expert group and want to emphasize the critical need for independent academic scientists in this group, as was the case for the 2012 State of the Science report. It is of extreme importance to prevent any potential (or perceived) conflicts of interest in the work of this advisory expert group. All persons with direct and indirect affiliations with the industry, like consultancy work, third-party finance research, and other links to the industry, should not be considered for the advisory expert group. We believe this group should only include independent academic scientists working in the field. The addition of regulatory agencies or institutional experts with adequate legal and policy expertise should be the only exception.

We therefore ask you to take every possible step to exclude representatives of or individuals associated with corporate interests effectively. Their presence or any association with the drafting of the report would not just undermine, but potentially invalidate the outcome of this extremely important work and put at risk its potential relevance for all sectors.

We stand ready to provide our expertise in public stakeholder consultations, e.g., commenting on the draft chapters or any recommendations, should this be foreseen at some later stage of the process.

We are eager to continue our conversation with you on that matter and are fully committed to supporting this crucial initiative. In view of the public interest in this matter we intend to share the letter more widely.

Best regards

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on behalf of the undersigning organisations

Center for International Environmental Law (CIEL)
CHEM Trust
Health and Environment Alliance (HEAL)
Pesticide Action Network Europe (PAN Europe)
Pesticide Action Network Germany (PAN Germany)
International Pollutants Elimination Network (IPEN)
Women Engage for a Common Future (WECF)

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