

Brussels, 20th November 2014

Dear President Juncker

Protecting public health from Endocrine Disrupting Chemicals: the EDC-Free Campaign

We write as 19 health and environment organisations, doctors, scientists and concerned professionals from across Europe to urge you to ensure that the Commission takes clear action to minimize our multiple daily exposures to harmful hormone-disrupting chemicals. This would ensure that the EU creates lasting benefits for productivity and health budgets by reversing chronic diseases related to endocrine disrupting chemicals (EDCs).

Your Commission has a vital opportunity to trigger the innovation of safer substances and technologies via the nature and content of its proposals in 2015 for the criteria by which chemicals can be identified as EDCs and subsequently restricted or phased out. We also call on the Commission to publish the delayed EDC strategy and this should be confirmed in the 2015 work programme.

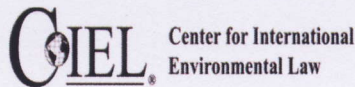
Our organisations will respond in full to the current EU public consultation on the options for deciding EDC criteria and regulatory approaches, despite our serious concerns about the public consultation:

- It is not aimed at the 'public' due to its very technical nature
- It ignores the economic savings for governments of public health and environmental benefits, by focussing overwhelmingly on soliciting data about the costs to industry and therefore does not draw a correct cost-benefit picture,
- Only one of the four EDC criteria options (Option 3) is adequate for identification; the other options will fail to reduce human exposure to these harmful substances.
- The option to include potency is scientifically flawed and is contrary to EFSA and JRC's reports.
- The only acceptable regulatory option is not to change the pesticides law. The options to change this regulation will jeopardize the effectiveness of the regulation in protecting humans and the environment from exposure to EDCs, and will create uncertainties in developing safer alternatives.

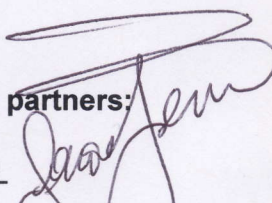
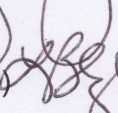
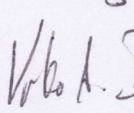

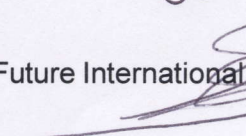
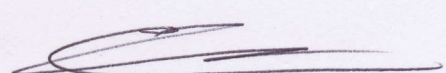
Today, partners from the EDC-Free coalition are meeting in Brussels to consider our responses to the EU consultation on EDCs.

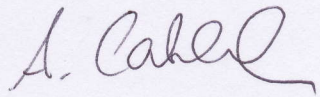
We believe that the Commission must address these shortcomings in the Commission's final proposals for EDCs criteria. We call on you to heed the growing public, scientific and medical concerns about the health and environmental impacts of EDCs and ensure that the EDCs impact assessment and the final criteria proposal fully evaluate and reflect the productivity gains and healthcare cost savings that reduced exposure to EDCs and accompanying decreases in chronic diseases can bring.

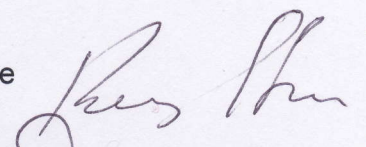
We look forward to working with you on the EDC criteria consultation and impact assessment in the coming months, and being a valuable resource for your team during your term as President.

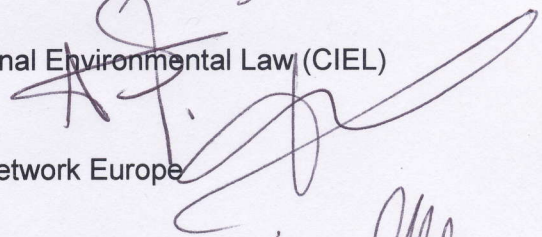


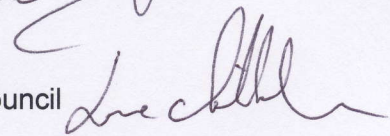
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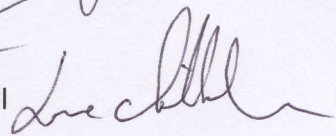
- Genon Jensen, Executive Director - Health and Environment Alliance HEAL 
- Laurel Berzanskis, Chemicals Policy Officer - Health Care Without Harm (HCWH) 
- Vito Buonsante, Law and Policy Advisor, Health and Environment – ClientEarth 
- Tatiana Santos, Senior Policy Officer - European Environmental Bureau (EEB) 
- Sascha Gabizon, Executive Director, Women in Europe for a Common Future International 
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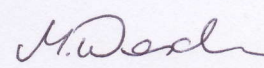
- Alexandra Caterbow, Senior Policy Advisor Chemicals and Health - Women in Europe for
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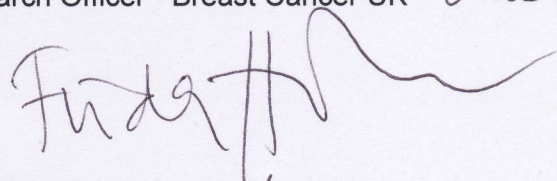
- Kevin Stairs, Policy adviser Chemicals & Pollution - Greenpeace 

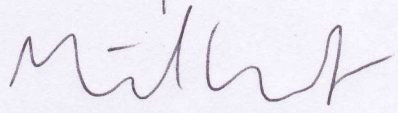
- David Azoulay, Managing Attorney - Center for International Environmental Law (CIEL) 

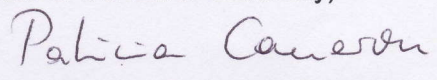
- Hans Muilerman, Chemicals Officer - Pesticide Action Network Europe 

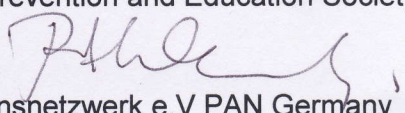
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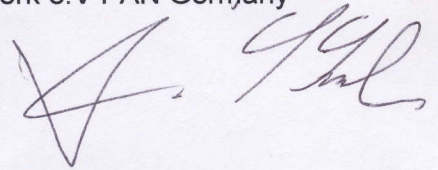
- Margaret Wexler, Chemicals Policy and Research Officer - Breast Cancer UK 

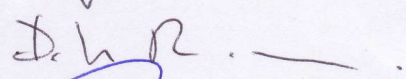
- Frida Hök, Project Coordinator - ChemSec 

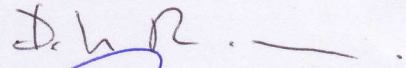
- Michael Warhurst, Executive Director - ChemTrust 

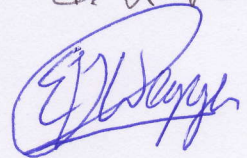
- Patricia Cameron, Director Chemicals- BUND (Friends of the Earth Germany) 

- Paul Whaley, Scientific Policy Adviser - The Cancer Prevention and Education Society 

- Susanne Smolka, Project Coordinator - Pestizid-Aktionsnetzwerk e.V PAN Germany 

- François Veillerette, Spokesperson - Générations Futures 

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