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Membre du « Comité Opérationnel chargé de l'expérimentation sur l'abaissement de l'exposition aux champs électromagnétiques » dans le cadre du Grenelle des Ondes.

Subject : Radiofrequency wireless technologies
WHO classification group 2B

Objet: assister et fédérer les personnes et les collectifs qui luttent pour la sécurité sanitaire des populations exposées aux nouvelles technologies de télécommunications sans fil

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- **Mr. Eric BESSON**, Minister of Industry, Energy and the Digital Economy
- **Mr. Xavier BERTRAND**, Minister of Labor, Employment and Health

Dear Minister,

As you know, the IARC, International Agency for Research on Cancer, an agency of WHO, concluded May 31, 2011 that the radio frequencies used notably by mobile phones are "possibly carcinogenic" to humans.

While many red flags existed previously, this radically new context requires the government to adopt a new attitude vis-à-vis the technologies using radiofrequencies.

It is indeed no longer possible to rule out altogether, as has been done so far, the implementation of the precautionary principle which is applicable in the presence of a possible risk.

There is good reason to take the following steps:

- changing the message transmitted by government websites (including the site "Radiofrequency and Health") finding no evidence of deleterious effects on health. Operators now widely relay this message to their customers to convince them of the safety of mobile phones;
- information campaign directed to children, young persons and pregnant women, including a message without any ambiguity discouraging use of mobile devices in young persons under 14 years of age;
- banning of Wi-Fi enabled by default on the "box" installed in private homes; the installation of Wi-Fi will be the result of an operation carried out voluntarily by the customer or installer ;
- compulsory presence on the same "box" of an external switch, combined with a light control for all wireless networks (Wi-Fi, Wi-Fi Community, Wi-Fi easy pairing, DECT, femtocells), and formal recommendation to turn off Wi-Fi at night, even in cases of non-use;
- removal of Wi-Fi in favor of wired Internet connections in educational institutions;
- appropriate labeling on all devices emitting radiofrequencies. More and more objects apart from wireless mobile devices use these technologies today, and parents buy their children "smart objects" without even knowing it.

All this is neither oppressive nor complicated. None of the above measures requires legislative text, so that the "agenda of the member of Parliament responsible" is not an argument to refrain from action.

Changing the message of public websites can be done immediately.

The information campaign, which should be radically different both in substance and in form, from that issued prior to the decision of WHO released at the end of 2010, constitutes a simple administrative procedure.

The provisions for "box" Internet access at home are of the order of a simple decree, not a law. They carry no significant impediment to freedom of commerce and industry. Technologies allowing attainment of the desired results already exist.

It is the same action for objects using radiofrequencies, similar to the mandatory posting of the SAR, carried out by decree.

The removal of Wi-Fi in educational institutions can be decided by a simple circular; it is a question of the internal choice of the administration.

It is unrealistic to expect, as has been done so far, that the profession propose or take the appropriate measures itself, be it in a concerted framework ("Grenelle des Ondes" and others). Protection of the population is a duty of the public authorities which cannot be relegated to others. The recent decision of WHO, associated with the constitutional principle of precaution, is the source of their obligation for immediate action, where non-compliance goes against their responsibility.

Counting on prompt action on your part,

Respectfully yours,

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