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## TO: His Excellency Ban Ki-moon, Secretary-General of the United Nations; Honorable Dr. Margaret Chan, Director-General of the World Health Organization; Honorable Achim Steiner, Executive Director of the U.N. Environmental Programme; U.N. Member Nations

## Letter of Support for the International EMF Scientist Appeal From Non-Governmental EMF Advocacy Organizations (NGOs)

As the leaders of 105 non-governmental organizations in 23 nations worldwide, 12 nations of which are UN member states, that advocate for greater health and environmental protection from EMF sources (electromagnetic fields and radiofrequency radiation), we support the International EMF Scientist Appeal.

The Appeal calls upon the United Nations (UN), the World Health Organization, the United Nations Environmental Programme, and all UN member states in the world to encourage the World Health Organization (WHO) to exert strong leadership in fostering the development of more protective EMF guidelines and to take precautionary measures to reduce EMF exposure conditions.

The Appeal was initially submitted to the leaders of the U.N., The WHO and U.N.E.P. on May 11, 2015. There are presently 221 signators to the Appeal. All of these signators have published EMF papers in peer reviewed scientific journals. These EMF scientists join in common cause to raise serious concerns regarding the risks for humankind and nature from ubiquitous and increasing exposure to EMF sources (electromagnetic fields and radiofrequency radiation) generated by electric and wireless devices from electrical power sources and the emerging global wireless communications infrastructure.

These scientists recognize that current international EMF exposure guidelines do not protect against long-term exposure or lowintensity effects, are insufficient to protect the health of humankind, and do not take into account the risks for all other biological organisms. Children, pregnant women, people who are electrically sensitive or have damaged immune systems and the elderly are most at risk. The biosphere and all living species who depend on it for survival is being adversely affected.

The rapidly growing proliferation of EMF sources for wireless communications and electricity that are blanketing the Earth's surface and permeating the atmosphere, present the threat of dire and unprecedented circumstances to mankind and nature. This is an urgent matter. Unless this issue is addressed, the consequences will be dire, with increased rates of global species decline and extinction.

We therefore call upon you to:

- Recognize that EMF exposure is an emerging health and environmental crisis that requires a high priority response;
- Review currently available EMF exposure information that demonstrates active harm to humankind and Nature;
- Review and revise current international EMF exposure guidelines and propose how they can be lowered;
- And, take precautionary measures to reduce EMF exposure conditions.

The International EMF Scientist Appeal may be viewed at <u>www.emfscientist.org</u>. This complete list of all 105 NGOs worldwide, who signed our letter of support may be found at <u>www.iemfa.org/emf-scientist-appeal-to-the-united-nations/</u> For further information, I may be contacted at info@iemfa.org

Kind regards,

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