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DR. ELIZABETH BOWEN, CO-REPRESENTATIVE TO THE UN IN NEW YORK FOR THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF DOCTORS FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, REQUESTS THAT THE WHO (World Health Organization) URGENTLY CONSIDER THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE OPEN LETTER REGARDING EUROPEAN INDUSTRIAL WIND (and other) NOISE GUIDELINE REVISIONS



On September 24, 2016, in an email communication to Mme Heroux at the World Health Organization (WHO) marked URGENT, **Dr. Elizabeth Bowen**, of world renown for her work as Past President of Physicians for Social Responsibility with over 50,000 member physicians, and her universally respected work as Co-Representative to the United Nations in New York for the International Society of Doctors for the Environment, requested eagerly a “best policy outcomes and applications” for new panel

guidelines for the WHO new European Environmental Noise Guidelines, expected shortly.

Indicating her sincere support for the concerns the international community has already expressed to the WHO concerning noise and ILFN from Industrial Wind Complexes, she attaches the recent OPEN LETTER, signed now by over 140 international scientists, physicians, acousticians, nurses, advocates, academics, addressed to Dr. Héroux and panelists:

Marie-Eve Héroux Marco Paviotti. Wolfgang Babisch. Göran Pershagen Goran Belojevic. Kerstin Persson Waye. Mark Brink. Anna Preis. Sabine Janssen. Stephen Stansfield. Peter Lercher. Martin van den Berg. Jos Verbeek.

The endorsement of the OPEN LETTER by Dr. Bowen is deeply significant. Given Dr. Bowen's credentials, authenticity and humanity, her governing principles of environmental and justice for all, the endorsement of the OPEN LETTER shows again the importance the WHO must now place on the application of higher standards for noise (including vibration and ILFN) for industrial wind. The suffering and harm is no longer questioned: it is a matter of density and complexity of harm, and effects that persons in homes, schools, or institutions, cannot easily escape. *Effects are noted in completely similar fashion world wide.*

Please see [here](#) and below for a biographical sketch of Dr. Bowen.

Elizabeth Bowen, MD, EdD BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH 7 November 2005 Dr. Bowen combines the clinical practice of medicine with international development, education, and public health. Since 1992, Dr. Bowen has engaged in non-governmental collaborations with United Nations agencies and bodies –UNO, UNEP, UNICEF, and WHO, in 1993 as President of Physicians for Social Responsibility (PSR) -- the US affiliate of the International Physicians for the Prevention of

Nuclear War (IPPNW) –and in subsequent years as NGO-UN Representative for PSR and the International Society of Doctors for the Environment (ISDE) (See www.psr.org and www.isde.org.) Dr. Bowen serves on the faculty of Morehouse School of Medicine in Atlanta in Preventive Medicine and Community Health. She received her Medical Degree from Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Dr. Bowen also serves on the Board of Breakwell Education Association, which oversees the international Nancy Campbell Collegiate Institute (www.nancycampbell.net) and the newly emerging Stratford College of Liberal Arts, in Ontario, Canada. She holds a Doctorate in Education on the relationship of public health and nutrition to human development from the University of Massachusetts. In October 2005, Dr. Bowen taught an intensive university level course at the Stratford College of Liberal Arts on International Institutions: Principles and Processes for Development, Peace-Building, and Conflict Resolution that included a two-day seminar to test the “Peace Dialogue in Social Integration” approach with the students. Dr. Bowen has traveled and served in more than 60 countries.

We sincerely thank Dr. Bowen for lending her support and authority to this OPEN LETTER.

<http://www.un.org/esa/socdev/sib/egm/bio/Elizabeth%20Bowen%20Bio.pdf>

<http://www.na-paw.org/WHO-noise-2015.php>