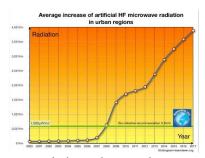
International Press Release

Over the past decades mobile phones, smart phones and other technologies have created new opportunities. A new industry saw the light of day. Easy communication became the norm. And yet, the unrestrained use of these technologies constantly puts the health of humans, plants and animals at risk.

Ever since the dawn of the wireless revolution, scientists have been divided about its consequences. At one end are independent scientists warning about negative biological effects. At the other, scientists -often connected to industry- consistently dismissing them.

Already at the end of the 1990s epidemiological studies pointed to serious health damage afflicting people living close to mobile phone masts.



The exposure of humans, plants and animals to wireless radiation has vastly in-

creased since then, as have urgent calls from independent science.

Yet, relying on outdated standards, inappropriate ICNIRP recommendations and a continuing lack of consensus among scientists, the government keeps on rolling out new technologies such as 5G.

ICNIRP recommendations only look at short exposure times of 6 or 30 minutes and the heating effects these produce. ICNIRP does not understand how radiation affects the complex biological processes of living beings in the long term and it hardly takes them into account.

Such an approach keeps on endangering humans, plants and animals. And so we take the Belgian government to court. For its negligence in protecting the population, plants, animals and the environment. For its continuing refusal to adjust radiation limits to the accumulating insights of sound and independent science.

We hereby ask the court to force government into applying a cumulative outdoor emission limit of 0.6V/m. This conforms to what the Council of Europe advised governments in 2011 and what many independent experts proclaim as safe.

We also ask the judge to disregard EU legislation which is in contravention with the precautionary principle, the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union and the European Convention of Human Rights.

We are confident that these actions will lead to a policy framework which is beneficial to the health and well-being of the environment, humans, plants and animals in Belgium as well as the European Union.