Dear Dr Hardell,

I thank you for your email of 8 February 2016 informing me on a joint comment by the Bio-Initiative working Group and ECERI about the SCENIHR final Opinion on EMF. We have taken note of your position and sent it to the Members of the SCHENIHR Committees.

Let me only highlight that opinions on EMF are carried out periodically to follow up the request of the Council Recommendation 1999, where the Commission is bound to keep this matter under review. The SCENIHR is requested to provide a scientific Opinion on available published scientific literature in order to estimate if any effects exist weighing available evidence. We have a strict division between risk assessment and risk management and it is not in the remit of the Scientific Committees to advice on a precautionary approach.

The Opinion adopted last year, was the fifth produced by the SCENIHR since 1999. In future, the Commission services may request a new update in the light of new evidence as indicated by point 5.3 of the Rules of Procedure of the Scientific Committees.

Best regards,

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