

For the **INDEPENDENCE** of the **World Health Organization**

WHY ?

As the international health authority, the World Health Organization (WHO) is responsible for providing scientific and medical guidance to states in the interests of their population's health. **In line with its Constitution, that guidance must be free of all commercial interest.** However, on 28 May 1959, the WHO signed an agreement with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) which prevents either organization from taking a public position on an issue which might harm the interests of the other party (WHA 12-40). The IAEA was established in 1957 to promote civil nuclear energy and in practice, **in matters of radiation and health, the WHO is subordinate to the International Atomic Energy Agency.**

What happens when a conflict of interest arises between public health information, for which the WHO is responsible, and the interests of the IAEA, which, it should be noted, reports to the UN Security Council, composed of the powerful nuclear states? The answer can be found through a close examination of how the Chernobyl catastrophe (26 April 1986) has been "managed".

For example, in 1995, WHO held an international conference in Geneva (20-23 November) on the health consequences of the Chernobyl catastrophe. 700 experts participated and many of them presented very worrying findings. **The proceedings of this conference have never been published.** But six months later (8-12 April 1996), the IAEA organized another conference in Vienna at which it produced an official total of the catastrophe which the WHO endorsed: 32 deaths, 200 irradiated, 2000 thyroid cancers in children! These derisory figures were revised upwards on 5 September 2005 to 56 deaths, 400 irradiated and 4000 cancers. They take **no account of the health status of children, 80% of whom are ill in the contaminated zones, nor of the number of dead and invalid among the 600,000 to 1 million liquidators** who participated in the clean up operation. According to a press release (26 April 2004) from the Ukraine Embassy, 25,000 of their liquidators were dead in 2001. We should all be aware that by extinguishing the fire and constructing the sarcophagus, the liquidators averted an even greater catastrophe and saved Europe. They suffer and die with their sacrifice unrecognised.

We insist that WHO assume its responsibilities, as set out in its Constitution, in total independence from the IAEA, and cease to be an accomplice to the disinformation on the health consequences of nuclear power in general. We insist that WHO support independent scientists who have struggled to provide assistance to contaminated populations since April 1986. **We insist that WHO take the initiative in research and prevention in relation to internal, low dose radiation,** the effects of which continue for periods varying from decades to thousands of years.

World Health Organization and Radiations :

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