## Growing health- and gene- damages of cause of pollution are a violation of human rights

My name is Ingrid Scherrmann and I am the owner of the domain <u>www.safer-world.org.</u> I try to give information about toxic substances and xenobiotics which induce illnesses, so-called environmental illnesses. I am trying to inform about health-effects of special chemicals, noise, nuclear and electro-magnetical radiation.

I try to analyse

- why the already existing knowledge about the connections between the concentration of harmful substances and health injuries are persistently ignored and
- why doctors, scientists, politicians and the society suppress the fact that environmental Illnesses and irreparable gene damages of the human gene-pool increase enormously all over the world.

## I receive

- all sorts of enquiries

- descriptions of the local situation (for example about the drinking water that is contaminated with uranium in Usbekistan, about the negative health effects of industrial emissions in the Ukraine)

- papers of expert witnesses mostly from the German speaking area.

I arrange files or link them up with scientists, organisations and activists ... and mostly I feel extremely helpless and angry as well, because these people or groups can but be helped completely insufficiently.

I take part in this workshop because of the following reasons:

- 1. From my point of view it is a question of violation of human rights if people have to suffer a mostly painful, slow death caused by harmful substances, for example if farmers in India are forced to use a lot of pesticides and if they are not informed beforehand about possible health-damages.
- 2. For my point of view it is a question of violation of human rights, if people suffering from Multiple Chemical Sensitivities (MCS) in Germany and other countries are deliberately and systematically wrongly diagnosed and treated by doctors with close connections to the chemical industry. In doing so patients with Multiple Chemical Sensitivities have no chance at all to become healthier any time during their lives. This wrong diagnosis also enlarged their financial and social misery.

Most medical papers of expert witnesses show that doctors try to transfer the problem from the organic to the psychogenic field, not only with patients suffering from Multiple Chemical Sensitivities but also with others environmental illnesses. Thus the responsibility and the costs are quite simply transferred from the employers and the industry to the single patients.

One example: In my opinion the proposed "*provocation tests in* so-called *exposition-rooms*" and the treatments like "*frequent and continual confrontation just as desensitization of supposed toxic substances without any chance of escaping or avoiding*" in supposedly ineffective doses are a form of violation of human rights and a new form of violence.

3. From my point of view it is a form of violation of human rights if patients with different illnesses caused by xenobiotics for example asthma, breast cancer or Parkinson's Disease are not informed about possible toxic reasons and so they are not given the opportunity to decide for a healthier life with less xenobiotics.

4. From my point of view it is a form of violation of human rights if we accept deliberately and systematically irreparable gene damages of the next generations and with that more and more handicaps and diseases in early childhood because of momentary profits.

## Conclusion:

In my opinion it is not only a scandal but a violation of human rights concerning the living persons and the next generations to a gigantic extent if we accept an opinion - given by the industry - ignoring the quiet, slow and most painful dying of a continually growing number of patients with environmental illnesses everywhere on this planet.

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