

DEAR MINISTER

OUR FUTURE, OUR CHILDREN'S FUTURE NEEDS

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to recognise that prevention is better than cure and that environmental pollutants now causing around 25 to 33% of all adverse health effects are increasing and could if not checked grow exponentially out of control.

As parents we should have the right to know how our children's health is being damaged.

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to show leadership and vision to take the ideas and words of this week and turn them into ACTION and FUNDS to support that ACTION. Our future needs more education, regulation, implementation, research, campaigning,

organisations to take responsibility – all of which takes financial, human and other resources – not more in-action for action programmes.

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to protect not just public health but the health of our children, vulnerable members of our societies and those that are socially excluded, because they surely have the same right as you and me to breathe clean air, drink clean water,

eat clean and healthy food and live a happy healthy life.

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to realise that health and environment ministries not only need to speak to each other but also impress the importance of health and environment problems to your colleagues in other ministries. Integration of environment and health into all policy areas is essential if you are to make a better future for our children. (Do not just preach to the converted).

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to make a paradigm shift based on the precautionary principle and accept that our children should be put before profit. Ask a child how much they should be paid to be sick and they will look bemused, because simply, our children's health is priceless.

YOURS URGENTLY

**ON BEHALF OF THE NGO COMMUNITY
FOR ENVIRONMENT AND HEALTH**

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