



To: President Ursula von der Leyen

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European Commission

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Brussels, 13 October 2022

Re: European Green Deal - upholding commitments for EU legislative protection against endocrine disrupting chemicals

Dear President von der Leyen,

On behalf of the EDC-Free Europe coalition, I write to draw your attention to the urgency to deliver the targeted revisions of the REACH and CLP regulations with no further delay. As observed in the Chemicals Strategy for Sustainability (CSS), the timely implementation of these revisions are indeed fundamental to prevent exposure of people and the environment to endocrine disrupting chemicals (EDCs) present everywhere in our daily life, as well as to support the credibility of the European Green Deal as a transformative agenda for Europe.

The EDC-Free Europe coalition is an alliance of public interest groups representing more than 70 environmental, health, women's and consumer groups across Europe who share a common concern about hormone disrupting chemicals and their impact on our health and wildlife.

As stated in the CSS, the use of and exposure to EDCs is on the rise, representing a serious risk to human health and wildlife as well as creating an enormous economic cost for society. The recent results of the European wide human biomonitoring study, HBM4EU, sadly confirms the large contamination of EU citizens by EDCs and the adverse effects of these mixtures of

chemicals on human health such as, among others, cancers, developmental disorders of children, reduced fertility, diabetes and obesity.

As stated by the UN Special Rapporteur on Toxics and Human Rights as well as by the UN Special Rapporteur on Human Rights and the Environment, this ubiquitous exposure to EDCs and other harmful chemicals from the early stages of life onwards represents a breach to the Human Right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment recognised by the UN General Assembly in July 2022.

Therefore, the EC proposals for the legislative revisions promised in the CSS for 2021 and 2022 are urgent and imperative to reflect the state of the science on EDCs in EU legislation and protect the health of current and future generations, and our common environment, against the threat of EDCs.

Coming to the end of 2022, we are concerned that any additional delay in the revision of the legislation outlined in the CSS work plan would jeopardize the possibility to have these targeted revisions completed by the next EU elections and the term of your mandate. This would mean years of prolonged pollution of the environment and prolonged exposure of people, including vulnerable groups such as pregnant women and children. It would hence fall short of EU citizens' expectations to be protected against chemicals that can harm their health and the environment.

We trust your determination to uphold the commitments of the Green Deal and deliver these reforms without further delay. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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