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Petition to the European Parliament calling for the recognition of diseases caused by environmental pollution.

The *Spanish Committee for the Recognition of Multiple Chemical Sensitivity* and other patient associations, Spanish and European, present today, 12th May 2011 (*International Day for Fibromyalgia, Chronic Fatigue Syndrome, Multiple Chemical Sensitivity and Electromagnetic Hypersensitivity*), to the European Parliament in Strasbourg, a written statement by Raul Romeva, MEP of the ALE Greens, and Willy Meyer, MEP of the Confederal Group of the group European United Left / Nordic Green Left.

In this statement we ask to the European Parliament, in accordance with the discussion at the European Parliament [resolution of 4th September 2008 on mid-term review of the EU Action Plan on Environment and Health 2004-2010 (2007/2252 (INI)), paragraph J)], and to avoid inequalities between different European countries regarding the recognition of these diseases, to request URGENTLY to the World Health Organization the inclusion of Multiple Chemical Sensitivity and Electromagnetic Hypersensitivity in the International Classification of Diseases and Associated Classifications and in the List of Occupational Diseases of the International Labour Organization.

We also request that patients by both diseases would be considered **risk groups** needed of special protection against environmental pollution and to provide **urgent, real and effective** solutions to protect them **immediately**.

We ask governments of all countries of the European Union to take urgent measures for these two groups of patients, and in order to eradicate inequalities between countries of the EU about protection of public health and the environment, rules are laid down, so physical agents or substances harmful or toxic in one country are also consider harmful or toxic in the rest of the Member States.

The statement says that, based on the *Precautionary Principle*, the lowest levels of toxicants should be taken as the maximum limit worldwide.

Likewise, and to maintain a consistent attitude with this measure, we kindly request to forbid and keep a strict control over imports of products containing physical agents and damaging substances for the health.

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