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The ten demands of the Austrian Board of Medical Doctors

on politics, media, and industry:

1. Ban on advertising targeting children and adolescents - Compulsory warnings on possible dangers to health in every advertisement.
2. Declaration of the SAR-value and suggestions on how to reduce personal exposure („10 rules for mobile phone use“ proposed by the Viennese Medical Chamber) in points of sale.
3. Education of teachers regarding the possible health risks of mobile phones.
4. Improvement of interest in land lines (flat rate for land lines, no flat rates for mobile phones).
5. Use of land lines should be cheaper than mobile phones.
6. Increased awareness of the risks of using mobile internet access especially due to the high long-term exposure of body parts for which there are no health studies yet.
7. Implementation of health impact assessments before the introduction of new technologies, as adverse effects of substances like asbestos, nicotine or PCB are often only evident many decades later. Therefore a principle of precaution should be applied until research clarification.
8. Application of the ALARA principle (As Low As Reasonably Achievable) for mobile phones, DECT (digital enhanced cordless telecommunications) and WLAN.
9. Establishment of an industry financed fund for future compensation costs.
10. Support of research that is truly independent of industry:
 - a. 10% of industry's marketing-budgets for research and education,
 - b. Distribution by an independent office.