

“BEYOND THEORIES OF WEATHER MODIFICATION”

- Civil Society versus Geoengineering – European Parliament

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SUMMARY, REMARKS ON THE CONFERENCE AND SKYGUARDS PETITION TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT Josefina Fraile

This hearing has enabled us to show that:

1. For over a decade Europe has been subjected to massive clandestine aerosol spraying, for purposes that can only be guessed at, but are often assumed to include attempted mitigation of an officially identified global warming/climate change problem and/or facilitation of the operations of HAARP and HAARP-related activities such as those of MUOS in Sicily.
2. These actions are being implemented outside of any legal framework, national or international, without the knowledge or informed consent of the population, and in violation of the most elementary precautionary principles.
3. The consequences of these actions for peoples' health and life on the planet are incalculable;
4. National governments, which have the duty of authorizing the use of national airspace for these ends, deny that these actions are taking place.
5. Institutionalized denial of obvious facts that violate fundamental human rights (the right to health, to security, to physical and psychical integrity) leaves citizens totally defenceless.

Having said that, we thank you those who have made possible this public hearing at the highest level of European democratic representation: the European Parliament. A special "thank you" is due to Mrs. Tatjana Zdanoka and Mrs. Lubova for their patience and dedication.

But the scope of this hearing goes beyond the need to state our concerns here. As citizens legally entitled to vote for this Parliament we also came to demand effective management of this institution and of our elected representatives.

Bearing in mind the momentous character of the issues involved, with due consideration of the role so far played by the European Parliament, we find that the Report A4-0005/99 "On the Environment, Security and Foreign Policy", adopted on 14th January 1999 by the Committee of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, Security and Defense Policy, constituted a great instrument for this Parliament to lead pioneering action to uphold citizens' civil rights currently being infringed by those whose duty should be to protect them: namely governments and the military, under the cover of secrecy and on alleged grounds of national security.

This extensive report, based on the need to manage proper disarmament in the military field following the end of the Cold War, proposes, inter alia, that the military resources freed by the end of the antagonism between the blocs should be allocated to non-military purposes, one of which could be protection of the environment. While recognizing the important part played by the armed forces in a democratic society and their role in national defence, the report clearly states that military activity is responsible for widespread environmental destruction, in peacetime and in war.

The report examines in detail the way that a number of different weapons systems are employed and the damage that they cause both to the environment and to human society. In the context of this conference we underline point T, which states that "despite the existing conventions, military research is ongoing on environmental manipulation as a weapon, as demonstrated by the Alaska-based HAARP system." Defined as "a weapons system which disrupts the climate", outside of any legal framework, HAARP is "a matter of global concern" which must be regarded as "a serious threat to the environment, with an incalculable impact on human life."

The proposals and recommendations of the report "On the Environment, Security and Foreign Policy" to the Commission and to member states are clear and specific. Amongst them we might cite the call to conduct a detailed study of security-related threats to the environment in Europe; the demand for elaboration of a Green Paper on military activities affecting the environment; the demand that secrecy in military research be resisted and openness and democratic scrutiny of military research projects encouraged; the demand that civil laws on the environment be applied in relation to all military activity; the demand that, in view of the far-reaching impact of HAARP (High Frequency Active Auroral Research Project) and its consequent categorization as an issue of global concern, its legal, ecological and ethical implications be examined by an international and independent body prior to any further research and testing; the demand that the Scientific and Technological Options Assessment Panel (STOA) agree to examine the scientific and technical evidence provided in all existing research findings on HAARP, to assess the exact nature and degree of the risk that HAARP poses both to the local and to the global environment and to public health generally. We subscribe to all these demands and urge that they be taken with utmost seriousness. (1)*

What has happened in the fourteen years since the report on *The Environment, Security and Foreign Policy* was adopted by the European Parliament?

There has been an intense public debate on global warming/climate change, culminating, since the Copenhagen Summit and the preceding Climategate scandal, in promotion of geoengineering as the most politically feasible and economically rational solution to global warming/climate change.

Since January 1999 an overwhelming quantity of data has been published. Dr. Rosalie Bertell, researcher, epidemiologist, nuclear physicist, and Alternative Nobel Prize winner, issued a warning in 2005 against the aerial spraying of aerosols and their potentially lethal consequences for people and other higher life forms on this planet. But during this same period the British technological analyst Mr. J. Kaplinsky was arguing that “if a new technology provides a net gain, the losers can be compensated. And it’s very clear that there’s a tremendous potential here for managing weather systems in a way that would create tremendous net gain.” How is it possible to put a price on life in this way? If the “losers” in question are the millions of people who die or become sick as a result of the “new technology”, what possible compensation can be provided, and to whom?

Amidst the tangle of contradictory technological projects and financial speculation proceeding in total indifference to citizens’ most basic rights, how can it be explained that the European Parliament has preserved total silence in the fourteen years since presentation of its Resolution Proposal “On the Environment, Security and Foreign Policy” by the Europarliamentarian Maj Britt Theorin. Why was it necessary to wait until September 2011 to read even a 9-word sentence in response at the institutional level, at the Conference on Sustainable Development Rio+20: “the European Parliament “expresses its opposition to proposals for large scale geo-engineering”.

We would nevertheless like to express our gratitude to the eight MEPs who between 2003 and 2012 have presented questions to the European Commission on aerial spraying, climate manipulation and geoengineering issues. We thank you indeed Hiltrud Breyer, Paul Iannoye, Erik Meijer, Jim Higgins, Claude Turmes, Nessa Childers, Oreste Rossi and Vladko Panayotov.

The European Commission’s answers to their questions are a total disgrace. They are a disgrace because of their contempt for 500 million European citizens’ right to be informed. The Commission’s answers comprise a twofold insult to citizens, firstly because they deny obvious facts and secondly because they shirk responsibility for investigation of these facts. Answers of this kind appear more reminiscent of the practices of what are called “authoritarian” regimes than responses of respectable institutions that wish to be seen as democratic by the citizens that comprise their political base.

The European Parliament has been asking questions to the European Commission for 10 years, even though the answer is known in advance. For how many more years is this Parliament going to continue this senseless and undignified game? Is it not time for a change of course, so that European citizens, whose situation is shocking, can start to be given some indication that European political institutions are capable of proper functioning?

Ladies and gentleman, there are moments when silence is not an option. And this is one of them. The members of this platform believe that the time has come to “take the bull by the horns” and search for the answers we are not receiving from the European Commission. The time has come for this Parliament to make up for those fourteen years of silence and start to defend the rights to health, security, and integrity of

European citizens that are proclaimed in European charters and international agreements, including the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union.

Given that the European Parliament has at its disposal the juridical instrument of the extraordinary parliamentary investigative committee, we demand (1) that this essential instrument be employed without any further delay, (2) that the present proposal be taken to the Presidency of the European Parliament to be examined, and (3) that a public debate be opened with participation from civil society, and with retention of the present platform as a contribution to the evidence and as proof of what is happening.

Skyguards demands, further, that the recommendations made in the resolution proposal "On the Environment, Security and Foreign Policy" (see footnote 1) be fully implemented, i.e. that a Green Paper be elaborated on military activities affecting the environment; that secrecy in military research be resisted and openness and democratic scrutiny of military research projects encouraged; and that civil laws on the environment be applied in relation to all military activity.

This petition is the central plank of this conference and will be formally presented in an annex. - We appeal you to ACT. Such action will be the most tangible mechanism this Parliament has at its disposal for enforcing the effective guardianship we citizens have requested.

For our part, we will do all we possibly can to call the attention of European public opinion to these ongoing violations of European principles: aggression against the environment and the health of citizens; complicity in the concealment of extremely serious wrongdoing, entailing legal and penal responsibilities. – In fact, the title of the conference "Beyond theories of weather modification – civil society versus geoengineering" is meant to convey civil society's rejection of the representation as mere proposals and projects of activities that have been under implementation at the global level for decades.

Thank you for your attention and support.

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