The International Declaration on the Human Rights of Children in the Digital Age

Canadians for Safe Technology

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Bio and Organization's Focus

President of Microsoft Canada – Most recent position

- 40+ years in the technology industry
- Focused on children's internet safety since 2004
 - Built Child Exploitation Tracking System
 - Kids Internet Safety Association





C4ST: Canadians for Safe Technology (CEO and Chairman)

- Founded in 2012
- Not-for-profit, volunteer-based, national coalition of parents, citizens and experts
- To educate & inform Canadians dangers of exposures to radiation from wireless technology
- To work with all levels of government to create healthier communities for children and families from coast to coast to coast.



Overlap with C4ST's focus

- We call upon government officials to <u>establish health-based NIR</u> <u>exposure standards</u>, and incent best engineering solutions that are protective of health, especially for children and pregnant women.
- We strongly recommend <u>broad public education</u> on the unique health risks of continued exposure of children to addictive and harmful platforms and potentially dangerous levels of radiation
- Appeal to <u>physicians and other health care providers</u> to inform themselves and <u>receive professional training</u> in behavioral and physical problems related to screen time, and the new medical discipline of clinical electromagnetics.

Opportunity to refocus attention on the recommendations from the Canadian Parliamentary Report

Committee Report No. 13 - HESA (41-2) - House of Commons of Canada (ourcommons.ca)





Action Plan with the Children's Declaration

- Widen our audience and potential supporters with a focus beyond NIR
- Campaign aimed at Parents and Educators
- That children have a fundamental human right to be free from:
 - intentionally addictive devices, platforms and apps,
 - harmful exposure to radiation and
 - commercial exploitation
- To urge the <u>immediate adoption and implementation of standards</u> regarding children's exposure to, and use of:
 - social media, gaming and other platforms that encourage addiction
- <u>Create safe learning environments</u> that are free from, or involve minimal exposure to NIR, utilizing best available monitoring technologies.



Wish List from the Children's Declaration

- The burden of proof of safety must shift to the manufacturers and purveyors of NIR-emitting devices.
- We strongly encourage <u>innovative ways to finance</u> this fundamental and evolutionary shift in public conscience and awareness.
- Financial support and compensation for families with children evidencing serious electrohypersensitivity
- We strongly recommend broad public education on the legal fiduciary obligations of administrators to discharge these responsibilities.
- We support <u>collaborative innovation</u> among technology providers to significantly reduce NIR emissions from wireless products and to compete on safety.



