

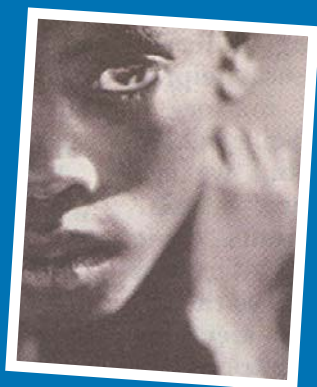
Yes, dangerous chemicals Must be strictly controlled...

... **but**, we want to water down the new chemicals legislation, REACH, as much as possible to protect the monopolies and profits of big chemical companies

The proposals of the Environment Committee of the European Parliament for Authorisation under REACH would force the replacement of toxic chemicals with clean alternatives whenever these are available. This, in principle and in practice, is good news for Europe's competitiveness and would create many jobs.

But we at Cefic, the Brussels-based lobby group of the European chemical industry, are not happy with this. That is why we distort facts and are happy to use cynical arguments to protect the interests of our members - even if it's bad news for people's health and the environment.

The mother of all spins



Yes, we have no ethical problem with using the face of an African child who is sick with malaria and with claiming that the procedure of authorisation, as voted by the European Parliament's Environment Committee, would mean that DDT would no longer be allowed for use to fight malaria.

OK, OK, we do agree that DDT is a dangerous chemical and that it is rightly banned for agriculture uses. And yes, we have no choice but to support the Stockholm Convention banning Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) like DDT...

...We also know that REACH has nothing to do with DDT, which, as a pesticide, is exempted from its scope. But, you have to admit, it is quite a smart move to claim that substitution principle will kill malaria-sick children and that DDT is the best way to prevent malaria.

Oops, we just hope you do not know that public awareness campaigns and mosquito nets are much better alternatives than spraying the bedrooms of African children with DDT...

WHAT THE HELL! WE HOPE THAT THE MEMBERS OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT WILL BELIEVE THIS CRAP.

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PS: But if you really want to know what is best for people's health and the environment, then go to www.chemicalreaction.org/

