

My dear fellow pediatricians,

A healthy and sustainable environment for today's and tomorrow's children concerns all pediatricians. Please see the November, 2015 UNICEF Statement, "Unless We Act Now" linked here. [http://www.unicef.org/publications/index\\_86337.html](http://www.unicef.org/publications/index_86337.html)

Among the dangers that environmental deterioration will bring is an extreme risk of flooding to 530 million children who live in high risk zones, droughts that will threaten the fragile availability of sufficient food and further air pollution that will accelerate the current epidemic of childhood asthma.

Standing up for children and convincing political leadership of every country of the urgency for vigorous efforts providing a safe and sustainable environment is the privilege of every pediatrician.

Sincerely,

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