September 10, 2016: A Day of Renewal and Remembrance

Today we join our friends and colleagues in Casale Monferrato, to remember those whose lives have been forfeit due to the greed of the asbestos industry. As the new ETERNOT Park is dedicated in Casale Monferrato, we pay tribute to a community, its leaders and supporters, which has for so many decades has led the fight for asbestos justice, decontamination and medical research. Your struggle has been our struggle and your successes have inspired us to fight even harder.

On the site of the infamous Eternit factory, a new clean public space is being unveiled in tribute to so many of the fallen. Wherever Eternit factories operated in Italy and abroad, the fate of the workers, their families and their communities has been the same: ill health, premature deaths, widespread contamination, devastated families and personal tragedies.

Our floral tributes are a small manifestation of the great respect in which we hold your community and your determination to create a town and future that is free of asbestos. Our thoughts are with you all on this day.

In solidarity and admiration,

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