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to the Commission**

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Subject: 2014 Report on cancer in the world

According to the 2014 report on cancer in the world drawn up by the World Health Organisation with the help of 250 experts from 40 countries, cancer will continue to spread throughout the world, increasing to 22 million new cases annually by 2030, compared with 14 million in 2012. According to experts, half of these cases are preventable, being caused by the chaotic pace of modern life. In 2010, the annual economic cost of cancer was estimated at \$ 1160 billion.

According to the report, the commonest causes of cancer are: smoking, infections, alcohol, obesity, lack of exercise, radiation, pollution, childbirth relatively late in life and failure to breastfeed.

In view of this, how does the Commission intend to raise public awareness in the Member States and provide more comprehensive information regarding cancer prevention?