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Mister Vytenis Andriukaitis
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Object: science and glyphosate

Mister Vytenis Andriukaitis,

I would like to discuss with you the knowledge and science about Glyphosate and asking you to renew its license in the European Union.

At the time I am writing this letter, the appeal committee hasn't yet pronounced itself about glyphosate license renewal. Yet, I do not believe they will come out with an answer. The standard committee on Plants, Animals, Feed and Food (PAFF) did not agree on an answer twice and I see the appeal committee fail as well. It means that the matter will come to you and you will have to decide.

The European Union has 2 specialized bodies which are the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) and the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA). Both have investigated and assessed the risks and hazards linked to the use of Glyphosate within the European Union and came to the conclusion that it is safe.

Furthermore, science around the world have found that the health risks linked to Glyphosate are extremely low when applied by a trained professional (i.e. a farmer with pesticide application training).

This safe product allows to produce affordable and healthy food. It also allows to develop new sustainable forms of agriculture such as Conservation Agriculture for example which is important for our future.

Those evidences show us that Glyphosate license should be renewed within the European Union. This renewal can be 5 years, 10 years or any length you decide to be appropriate.

Mister Vytenis Andriukaitis, by this letter I am asking you to renew the license for Glyphosate for the following reasons :

- Glyphosate is safe
- We need to restore public faith in our specialized bodies EFSA and ECHA
- We need to restore public faith in science

If you have any question, please, contact me.

Truly & Sincerely.

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