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Mr/Ms.....
Ambassador Extraordinary and
Plenipotentiary
Permanent Representation of
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BE -Brussels

Brussels, 17th October 2017

Re: Re-authorisation of glyphosate

Dear Sir/Madam,

This letter is sent on behalf of three agri-food chain associations which are seeing their activities severely impacted by the current European legislative developments on plant protection products.

As agri-food chain associations, we fully support science-based decision-making processes in the EU. In this respect, the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) and the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) have both concluded that glyphosate cannot be considered to be carcinogenic, a mutagen or as toxic for reproduction. Therefore, there are no safety concerns related to it.

We believe that it is essential to build confidence in the European food safety system and in the high standards within European production. In this respect, the EU institutions and Member States also have a key role to play in supporting our reliable scientific authorities. Questioning EU science-based decision-making processes will have a negative impact on the credibility of EU authorities and would be detrimental to our economy

Based on the strong scientific evidence (EFSA, ECHA) supporting the safety of this active substance and the negative impacts that the withdrawal of this substance will have on climate change, the environment, and on EU farmers' and the agri-food chain competitiveness, we urge you to vote in favour of the re-authorisation of glyphosate for 15 years, in accordance with EU legislation.

We hope that our concerns will be granted your full consideration. We remain at your disposal should you wish for clarification on any points.

Yours faithfully,



Pekka Pesonen
Secretary General of Copa-Cogeca

This letter is sent on behalf of the following associations:

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