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European Commission Directorate-General
for Health and Food Safety
Safety of the Food Chain Pesticides and Biocides
Brussels

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Subject: Your answer to the LobbyControl Petition on Glyphosate (Reference Number Ares(2015)3851630)

Dear Commissioner Andriukaitis, dear Mr. Flüh,

thank you for your letter answering our petition. We are happy to hear that the commission takes notice of our petition that has been signed by over 16.000 people, demanding to publish the renewal assessment report of the Bundesinstitut für Risikobewertung regarding Glyphosate.

After reading your letter carefully I would like to point out that in the view of LobbyControl and other NGOs who are more involved in the issue, it would be far too late to make the final version of the renewal assessment report public only *after* the publication of the EFSA conclusions.

NGOs and other stakeholders had the possibility to comment on the report earlier, but it has been shown to the producers of glyphosate afterwards once again. They have submitted another publication which has been included in the report. Since then, the civil society had no possibility to look at these modifications to the report and its final version. Generally, the public does not know exactly which studies have been used and how they have been weighed in the final version. In our view, this procedure does not seem very trustworthy as it treats producers and civil society unequally. The commission has just decided that it needs more time for the assessment of glyphosate and prolonged the renewal assessment until summer 2016. Thus, there is now enough time to let academia and civil society comment on the final report. In the light of the newest WHO-statements that too many critical studies have not been considered enough, the commission should apply a very clear and open process to make sure that all risks have been thoroughly assessed before glyphosate is allowed to be used for the next ten years.

We therefore demand to publish the report before the EFSA draws its final conclusions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "N. Katzemich", written over a thin vertical line.

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