

**EU – REVISED PROPOSAL FOR THE IDENTIFICATION OF COMPOUNDS AS ENDOCRINE
DISRUPTORS**

Thank you Chair and thank you to Argentina, Canada and the United States for continued interest in the ongoing work on endocrine disruptors in the European Union.

As explained in detail in previous meetings of the Committee the European Commission is carrying out a comprehensive impact assessment that will analyse different options for defining criteria for the identification of endocrine disruptors and their corresponding health, socio-economic and environmental effects once incorporated in different pieces of EU legislation. Detailed information about the impact assessment, including the analytical report of the responses to the public consultation of 24 July 2015, is published on the website of DG SANTE.

In the context of the impact assessment, the Commission also organized a series of roundtables between April and May, and a public conference on 1st June 2015 informing Member States, MEPs, third countries and stakeholders about the on-going impact assessment. A technical meeting on the Joint Reasearch Center methodology, developed as part of phase one supporting the impact asesment, to estimate which chemicals may fall under the different options for criteria to identify endocrine disruptors as outlined in the roadmap, took place on 6th of November.

The impact assessment is now entering its final stage. When concluded, the European Commission will present proposals for the new criteria to identify endocrine disruptors in the EU's plant protection products regulation and biocidal products regulation, probably before summer 2016. The EU will notify the new proposal to the WTO, in full transparency, to allow third parties eventual comments to be duly taken into account.

Thank you chair.