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Subject: Glyphosate; resolution voted in EP on 14 April 2016

Colleagues,

Below I send you some more information about the Glyphosate vote on Wednesday in the EP. Politically, the vote in plenary moves towards the Commission/EFSA.

Best,

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Background:


The draft resolution voted in COMENVI (which opposed a renewal) in March 2016 has been substantially changed in the Plenary vote of 14 April 2016 (374 votes in favour, 225 against and 102 abstentions).

The main content of the resolution as voted in Plenary are the following:

- The renewal of the approval should be limited to 7 years (draft COM measure provided for 15 years);
- Approval should be re-evaluated once the European Chemicals Agency has finished its hazard-classification (this will not be ready before summer 2017);
- The drawing-up of a list of accepted co-formulants should be accelerated;
- Non-professional use of glyphosate should not be approved;
- Use of glyphosate in public parks/playgrounds/gardens should not be approved;
- Agricultural uses should not be approved where "integrated pest management" (i.e. including non-chemical measures) are sufficient;
- COM should place strict limits on the pre-harvest use of plant protection products containing glyphosate;
- COM should conduct an "independent review";
- EFSA and COM should disclose all scientific evidence.

Of note:

- The measure is adopted in comitology (examination procedure). Therefore, EP's formal powers are limited. It may only "indicate to the Commission at any time that, in its view, the draft implementing act exceeds the powers provided for in the basic act" (i.e. the EP has no possibility to "object" a Commission measure, as is the case with delegated acts).
 - The intentions of vote in the standing committee have evolved since the last tour de table in March 2016 (where the draft measure was not supported with a qualified majority). If the draft measure was voted today, in all likelihood a qualified majority would support the draft measure
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The text voted in Plenary (provision edition) is available here:

<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/sides/getDoc.do?pubRef=-//EP//NONSGML+TA+P8-TA-2016-0119+0+DOC+PDF+V0//EN>
