

From: [REDACTED] (SANTE)
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2015 7:39 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: [REDACTED]: Inquiry on Glyphosate Reassessment Process (from Avaaz)

Dear [REDACTED]

The information provided in my e-mail dated 15 April 2015 is still up-to-date. Furthermore, the Commission has asked EFSA to take the findings of IARC into account in its ongoing peer review of glyphosate, in the context of the procedure for a possible renewal of the approval of the active substance. However, such efforts may be hampered by the current lack of detailed information pertaining to the basis on which IARC arrived at their conclusion, as important scientific elements will only be elucidated in the final IARC monograph, which so far has not been published. The Commission will then carefully consider the findings and the need to take further steps.

Best regards, [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2015 1:14 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: [REDACTED]: Inquiry on Glyphosate Reassessment Process (from Avaaz)

Dear [REDACTED],

I hope this email finds you well.

We're currently in process of running some advocacy meetings related to our glyphosate campaign and wanted to check with you if there has been any change at the DG since last time we were in touch?

Has there been any move to consider the studies contained within IARC monograph?

Thanks in advance!

[REDACTED]

On Fri, Apr 17, 2015 at 1:23 PM, [REDACTED] > wrote:
Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you so much for taking the time to advise us on the glyphosate process.

As promised, I'd like to give you an update on our work on this: to answer your question, yes we are going to run a campaign on it as our global membership has shown interest in it and it

is our a democratic mandate to serve them. As is the case with every campaign, they are our bosses. :-)

We hope, as in other moments, that a massive public push from the Avaaz membership can draw the authorities attention to the massive public concern about this issue and we hope to be able to work with the Commission to address the issues raised in the campaign.

Thank you again for you help and, more importantly, for your long term work on these issues. I am off in the next two weeks for a team training and with limited internet access, but will back on May 4th and will be able to get back in touch then.

Yours,

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PS: I am forwarding below our email alert to our members about the campaign.

Dear friends,

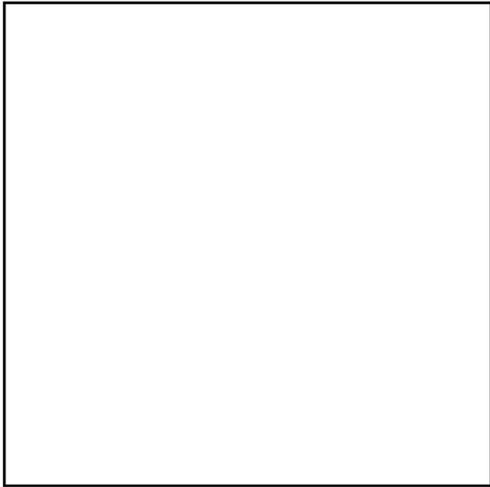
Top scientists warn the most commonly used herbicide in the world probably causes cancer! Monsanto is demanding the World Health Organisation retract their ground-breaking report. And experts say the only way to ensure the science is not silenced is if the public demands action, now.

The regulatory system is renowned for being secretive and captured by the agro-chemical industry. But we have a unique moment right now -- glyphosate is officially **being reassessed in the EU, the US, Canada, and Brazil**, and the Netherlands, Sri Lanka, and El Salvador are all looking at a ban.

The threat is clear -- this poison is used on our food, our fields, our playgrounds, and our streets. Let's get it suspended. **Join the urgent call and tell everyone:**

https://secure.avaaz.org/en/monsanto_dont_silence_science_loc/?bHznigb&v=57114

Monsanto is up in arms. Glyphosate is the basis of RoundUp, the chemical



Top scientists just warned **Monsanto's herbicide probably causes cancer**. It's huge news and regulators are scrambling to respond. But Monsanto is going all out to get the report retracted! **Only a massive public campaign can get this poison suspended. Join the urgent call:**



cornerstone of Monsanto's Genetically Modified empire, and it brings in \$6 billion per year. The company says the WHO report ignored studies showing glyphosate is safe. But these scientists are **17 of the world's top oncology experts**, not a bunch of crazies! They comprehensively reviewed independent studies, excluding those done by companies seeking product approval.

Regulators rely mainly on tests done by the companies trying to sell the poisons! Key results are kept from the public because they contain 'commercially confidential information', and 58% of the scientific panels in the EU Food and Safety Agency are linked to the sector. It's nuts, but that is the system we have. And that's why it's going to take all of us to make sure this crucial independent report isn't ignored.

Some countries have already put bans on glyphosate. Now with the EU, the US, Canada, and Brazil all reviewing it, we have an incredible chance to turn the tide worldwide.

Fifty years ago Monsanto's pesticide DDT was everywhere until the seminal book Silent Spring showed it could cause cancer -- a decade later it was banned. If this could be killing us, let's not let it be sold for ten more years. Let's demand emergency precautionary action now. **Join now and spread the word:**

https://secure.avaaz.org/en/monsanto_dont_silence_science_loc/?bHznigb&v=57114

We've done it before -- we helped win a moratorium on bee-killing neonicotinoids in the EU and stop a Monsanto mega seed factory in Argentina. Now let's protect our health and make sure we aren't being used as lab rats. This could be a breakthrough moment in the fight for the safe, sustainable agriculture our world needs.

With hope,

 and the whole
Avaaz team

More information:

New study points to link between weedkiller glyphosate and cancer (FT)
<http://www.ft.com/cms/s/0/8b79a572-cf14-11e4-893d-00144feab7de.html#axzz3XOmCcv9c>

Monsanto seeks retraction for report linking herbicide to cancer (Reuters)
<http://in.reuters.com/article/2015/03/24/monsanto-herbicide-idINL2N0WP0UM20150324>

Weed Killer, Long Cleared, is Doubted (New York Times)
<http://www.nytimes.com/2015/03/28/business/energy-environment/decades-after-monsantos-roundup-gets-an-all-clear-a-cancer-agency-raises-concerns.html>

The Real Reason to Worry About GMOs (Mother Jones)
<http://www.motherjones.com/tom-philpott/2015/03/bittman-right-its-not-gmos-its-how->

[theyre-used](#)

Groups seek EPA glyphosate review after WHO 'carcinogenic' link (Agri Pulse)
<http://www.agri-pulse.com/Groups-seek-EPA-glyphosate-review-after-WHO-carcinogenic-link-03272015.asp>

More sources:

<https://avaazmedia.s3.amazonaws.com/Roundupsources.pdf>

On Wed, Apr 15, 2015 at 2:54 PM, [REDACTED] > wrote:
Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you so much for taking the time to respond to our questions.

I am cc'ing our Campaign Director on this, [REDACTED] in case she would like to add some more.

To answer your question: Avaaz is currently looking into what strategies would be best placed to make sure that the EU doesn't proceed to renew glyphosate until the IARC report is reviewed vis-a-vis the RAR submitted by the Rapporteur country (in this case Germany) independently ensuring that the highest scientific and methodological standards are upheld.

Our priority at this point is that the EU decision-makers address all the health and safety concerns raised by IARC report with regards to glyphosate.

It would be my pleasure to keep you informed on what angle this strategy is taking -- as you can imagine, we want to be on solid ground on our way forward.

You mentioned that the Commission can only judge whether the data used by IARC is new information with regard to EU review, once the monograph is available.

However, as it stands, the reports on monograph are already publicly available, including some of the studies which have been named on the Lancet Oncology summary. Given the availability of studies (I'm pasting some of them below for reference), our question is why would the Commission need to wait for the publication of the full monograph?

- De Roos, AJ, Zahm, SH, Cantor, KP et al. Integrative assessment of multiple pesticides as risk factors for non-Hodgkin's lymphoma among men. *Occup Environ Med.* 2003; 60: E11
- McDuffie, HH, Pahwa, P, McLaughlin, JR et al. Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma and specific pesticide exposures in men: cross-Canada study of pesticides and health. *Cancer Epidemiol Biomarkers Prev.* 2001; 10: 1155–1163
- Eriksson, M, Hardell, L, Carlberg, M, and Akerman, M. Pesticide exposure as risk factor for non-Hodgkin lymphoma including histopathological subgroup analysis. *Int J Cancer.* 2008; 123: 1657–1663

The Commission remains in close contact to the Competent Authorities in Germany and to the European Food Safety Authority and is closely monitoring the further evolution.

I hope that this addresses your questions.

Allow me also a question on my side. Is AVAAZ planning to launch a campaign as regards glyphosate comparable to the one you did a few years ago on bees and neonicotinoids? I would appreciate if you could keep me informed about this as well.

Kind regards, [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 14, 2015 8:27 PM
To: [REDACTED] (SANTE)
Subject: Re: [REDACTED]: Inquiry on Glyphosate Reassessment Process (from Avaaz)

Hi [REDACTED],

Thanks a lot for your prompt response -- much appreciated.

Sadly, we are going to be on a team-wide retreat next week, so probably won't be able to call then.

Is there anybody else I could talk to?

Would you be able to to have a quick chat on this tomorrow? I will be happy to call you on a phone number of your choosing.

Alternatively, if you prefer answering via email, our questions are below:

1) Has DG Sanco mandated EFSA to review the recent report issued by IARC Monograph on glyphosate?

2) If so, by what time would you expect EFSA to report back to the DG?

3) What would be the next procedural steps?

Thanks in advance for your time and patience!

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