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Dear Mr Neumann,

Following the phone conversation between Minister Schmidt and Commissioner Andriukaitis tonight, please find attached the link to the recently published US long term study on agricultural workers which concludes that glyphosate was not statistically significantly associated with cancer at any site. In this large, prospective cohort study, no association was apparent between glyphosate and any solid tumors or lymphoid malignancies overall, including Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma and its subtypes.

The agricultural health study is available via this link: <https://academic.oup.com/jnci/article-abstract/doi/10.1093/jnci/djx233/4590280?redirectedFrom=fulltext>

Commissioner wished to emphasize therefore that the most recent studies do confirm the European risk assessment.

Commissioner has also asked me to explain why the conclusion of our analysis is that a "phase-out" is not possible.

In fact, within the current legislative framework applicable to plant protection products (Article 20 of EU Regulation 1107/2009), a 'phase out' can only be initiated when the approval of a substance is not renewed. As we are not working on the assumption of a non-renewal of the approval of glyphosate, such a phase out is therefore not possible.

Furthermore, the current legislation does not allow setting a definitive phase out date for a product to remain on the market, as there is no possibility to bar an applicant from submitting an application for renewal, neither from submitting a new application. This would amount to depriving one company from the possibility to exercise a legitimate right.

Commissioner would highly appreciate it if this information could be conveyed to Minister Schmidt.

Yours sincerely

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