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Subject: Meeting with Greenpeace and IFOAM EU Group on GMOs review, 03/03/15; conclusions

Participants:

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Background:

The meeting had been requested by the visitors to get a better understanding on the ongoing "review" of the GMO authorisation regime, as announced by President JUNCKER. The meeting took place in a friendly atmosphere and lasted 45 minutes.

Conclusions:

Greenpeace and IFOAM stressed their opposition to GMOs. They considered that the review should consider the regime for cultivation authorisations as well as food/feed authorisations. The Commission as risk-manager should take other considerations than EFSA risk assessments into account. The rules on comitology were considered not appropriate for GMO authorisations. Regarding cultivation, no new authorisation should be granted which did not undergo a risk-assessment according to the revised guidelines in the legislation, which are currently in preparation.

COM stressed that no decision was taken, and that it was a political decision taken at the political level, and implemented by the DGs. COM informed of the DGs mainly involved in the file. COM confirmed that no roadmap has been published so far and recalled the time constraints for "reviewing" the legislation.

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