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Dear Mr [REDACTED],
Dear Mr [REDACTED],

Thank you once again for the meeting yesterday.

We would like to stress that the possibility for EU countries to opt-out of GM approvals for cultivation doesn't relieve the EU from its responsibility to provide a high level of environmental and health protection. It remains up to the EU to authorise GM crops, and it is also up to the EU to ensure these objectives are met.

What's more, the possibility for EU countries to opt out of GM approvals doesn't either address the democratic deficit which President Juncker has described as the Commission being "[able to take a decision when a majority of Member States has not encouraged it to do so](#)".

An extension of the possibility for national opt-outs to GM approvals for imports, as seems to be on the cards, doesn't therefore deliver on neither the environmental nor democratic problem of GM approvals.

Such a proposal would also do nothing to fulfil what the Work Programme promises, i.e. review of the GMO decision making which should "[look at how the rules could be changed to better ensure the majority view of Member States is taken into account](#)".

We urge you to put forward a proposal that addresses the democratic deficit, as described by President Juncker, and that is in line with the Work Programme.

Best regards,

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