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Dear Mr Delvaux,

This little note is to say thank you for the meeting on Tuesday, and to reiterate our most important points:

(1) Review of GMO decision-making

The new legal situation in which Member States can opt out of a GM approval for cultivation does not change anything in relation to the EU's responsibility to protect the environment and citizens' health, nor does it address the fundamental democratic deficit deplored by Commission President Juncker when he says: *"I would not want the Commission to be able to take a decision when a majority of Member States has not encouraged it to do so."*

An application of the same logic to GM approvals for food and feed would not even scratch the surface of the problem. This is because, as you said, authorisations for food and feed haven't generally met with opposition from *"a majority of Member States"*. A proposal for national opt-outs would therefore not address any political problem, big or small.

Such a proposal would also fail 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"*.

During our meeting, you mentioned the wider problem of Member States being quite comfortable with a situation in which the Commission takes the final decision. And so we were wondering if you had considered a change of Regulation 182/2011 which, despite certain restrictions, still allows the Commission to decide against the majority of member states?

This could well fit into the context of the Commission's announced revision of the 2003 inter-institutional agreement on better law making, which should come out in the spring, and be agreed by the end of 2015, as far as we understand.

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