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Subject: FEEDBACK: meeting with representatives of missions of US, Canada, Brazil and Argentina on GMOs

Today Nathalie Chaze and myself met representatives of four Missions to the EU to discuss the GMO issues: [REDACTED] (US), [REDACTED] (CAN), [REDACTED] (BRA) and [REDACTED] (both ARG). The four missions insisted on having the meeting even they were informed in advance, that COM would not be in a position to provide them with relevant information at this point, as discussions in COM were still ongoing and that this was going to be a Collegial decision.

The questions raised by the four:

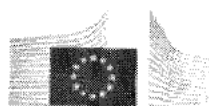
- On GMO authorisation review- when will COM adopt it, what will be the scope, whether it will be a legislative proposal or several options mentioned, etc. (by the way they seemed to be well informed, mentioned the Genval discussion and 12 options discussed by commissioners);
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They also complained about lack of transparency in the process, that trading partners had no possibilities to provide comments,

COM replied that the issue of GMO authorisation was one of President Juncker's priorities and that COM will come up with a decision within six months, as planned, i.e. end-April, but exact date for the adoption is not fixed. It's too early to speculate what decision will be taken by the Commission on all their questions.

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