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Subject: Glyphosate and its risk to Human Health

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Dear Vytenis Andriukaitis,

Glyphosate and its risk to Human Health

- Good health is dependent on good nutrition (1) so it is a mystery to many as to why glyphosate, originally patented as a descaling agent for pipe cleaning (2) and thereby depleting essential mineral micronutrients (3) continues to be allowed as a desiccant.

What is not disclosed by EFSA in its Review is the fundamental question as to whether or not it is safe to formulate this herbicide/pesticide from glycine, an amino acid fundamental to human metabolism? This question has now been examined by Anthony Samsel and Stephanie Seneff, who have now published their fifth paper 'Glyphosate pathways to modern diseases V: Amino acid analogue of glycine in diverse proteins.' They have uncovered very clear scientific concerns that should make the re-licensing of glyphosate unthinkable. Clearly we have all been duped. I append for ease of reference a copy of this Samsel and Seneff paper as a PDF.

As you will know there are now two secret trade deals being formulated by the EU Commission, the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) and the EU-Canadian Comprehensive Economic Trade Agreement (CETA). Both have a common feature, i.e. that trade disputes will be settled by the Investor-State Dispute Settlement (ISDS) system. On the face of it this appears reasonable, but as the Washington Post reports (4), Veolia of France, a waste management company, is using the ISDS to sue Egypt, because Egypt raised its minimum wage and is seeking compensation if costs increase. It is not hard to foresee, as The Guardian points out (5), that the British Government could be taken to task for passing laws and regulations designed to protect people and the planet. The inference is that your authority and indeed Regulatory Law, that requires food should not be injurious to health (6), could be flouted by the agrichemical industry and the GTF in particular.

Your President has intimated that he wishes to see CETA signed by this October (7). I suggest that in respect of agricultural/food aspects of this agreement, advocates of the agreement would consider glyphosate as an essential component.

It is much appreciated that you have asked the Glyphosate Task Force (GTF) to publish their secret scientific papers. Regardless of what ECHA may report as to glyphosate's carcinogenicity, could you please ensure that the newly raised concerns by Samsel and Seneff regarding glyphosate's formulation from glycine are reviewed prior to any trade agreement, that might subsequently prevent you banning glyphosate please?

Yours Sincerely

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17 July 2016

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