

Dear mail registration,  
Please attach under the registration of last week from this same sender.  
Thank you and best regards,

Countess Mar addressing the House of Lords on 7 July 2016 exemplified the Duke of Somerset, who she reports said in respect of GM products that 'millions of Americans have been eating these foods for 20 years with no ill effects'. Clearly the Duke and many senior conservatives (9) like him have no idea or wish to ignore the extent of diminishing health, such as the growing burden of chronic disease (10) that Americans are now facing largely as a result of poor nutrition. Three further referenced examples: Firstly, infant mortality was 8% in 2010, the highest in 26 comparative nations (11). Secondly, '...the number of cancer cases and deaths will continue to increase' (12). Thirdly, 'Americans have been dying at younger ages than people in almost all

other high income countries; this disadvantage has been getting worse for three decades, especially among women'(13).

There are now two secret trade deals being formulated by the EU, the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) and the EU-Canadian Comprehensive Economic Trade Agreement (CETA). Both have a common feature, 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 (14), 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 (15) that the British Government could be taken to task for passing laws and regulations designed to protect people and the planet. I suggest that agricultural subsidies to our farmers would likewise be under threat.

According to DW (Deutsche Welle) (16) President Juncker is changing his mind to allow national legislatures a say in the approval of CETA. The inference is that although the European Chemicals Agency has been tasked to examine glyphosate's carcinogenicity (17), the EU Commission will not allow the glyphosate licence to terminate because glyphosate is essential for the agricultural aspects of CETA. DW reports that our trade minister is supportive of CETA (18).

Our Country having taken steps to regain Parliamentary Democracy should not allow it to be sacrificed to the ISDS system in respect of food safety and provision.

At the time of ██████████'s attempt to establish GM crops here there were many like the ██████████ being brought forward to state similar fanciful claims of the merits of GM crops. This ignorance stems in my view from the failure of the BBC and Newspapers to inform on and question the deteriorating health of us all, particularly in the US. One true claim by a farmer who used glyphosate (19) to clear a field expressed to his neighbour: 'Look its killed everything!' This is the chemical that in ever increasing quantities (20) is in all, unless it is organic, that we eat and drink.

Please will you use your authority to request that there is a Parliamentary debate on these matters? This debate would need to be before CETA is concluded.

Yours Sincerely

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#### References and Notes:

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4. M Krueger et al 2014: Detection of Glyphosate in Malformed Piglets.
5. G-E Séralini et al 2014: Republished study: Long-term toxicity of a Roundup herbicide and a Roundup-tolerant genetically modified maize.
6. Anthony Samsel and Stephanie Seneff 2013(a) Glyphosate's suppression of cytochrome P450 enzymes and amino acid biosynthesis by the gut microbiome: Pathways to modern diseases.
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8. [REDACTED] IPCS INCHEM 159 Glyphosate. Please note Para 6.2 and my letter to Ambassador [REDACTED] dated 5 Jul 16 in respect of glyphosate and bone damage.
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12. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: Expected new cancer Cases and Deaths in 2020.
13. Steven Woolf & Lauden Aron: US Health in International Perspective 2013: Shorter Lives, Poorer Health.
14. [REDACTED] The Washington Post 25 Feb 2015: The Trans-Pacific Partnership clause everyone should oppose.
15. [REDACTED] The Guardian 8 Jul 2014: You thought TTIP was dead/ With Brexit we'll get the same thing, on steroids.
16. DW. 5 Jul 2014: EU Commission: CETA should be approved by National Parliaments.
17. European Commission – Statement 1 Jun 2016: Glyphosate: Commission proposes the way forward – Statement by Commissioner for Health and Food Safety, Vytenis Andriukaitis. Food Safety Authority (EFSA).
18. See Ref 15 above.
19. Glyphosate in formulation, not the principal alone.
20. The Glyphosate Review (see Ref 1 above) proposes raising the acceptable daily intake (ADI) (from 0.3 mg/kg) to 0.5 mg/kg. Although not stated this is clearly in order to harmonize with US where there has been a need to apply more glyphosate to counter resistant weeds. Additional herbicide chemicals are also required which in the context of the Glyphosate Review are ignored as an ingested hazard.