

From: SG ECI
Sent: 25 January 2017 14:03
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: FOR INFO: Registration of ECI "Ban glyphosate and protect people and the environment from toxic pesticides"
Attachments: C_2017_90_1_DECISION_LETTER_EN_V2_P1_874604.pdf

Dear Colleagues,

The proposed citizens' initiative entitled "*Ban glyphosate and protect people and the environment from toxic pesticides*" has been registered today:
<http://ec.europa.eu/citizens-initiative/public/initiatives/ongoing/details/2017/000002>

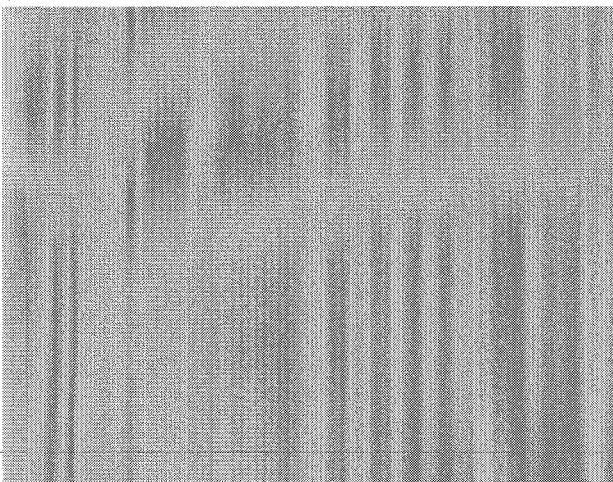
The registration of this initiative was decided in College on 10/01/2017 (see attached).

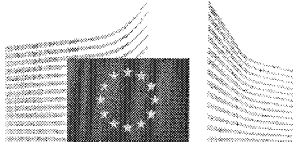
The registration of a proposed citizens' initiative by the Commission allows organisers to start collecting statements of support from citizens. They have one year to do so.

I would like to remind you that, according to Article 10(1)(c) of Regulation (EU) No 211/2011, the registration of a proposed initiative does not prejudice the final legal and political conclusions of the Commission on this initiative and the action it will intend to take, if any, in case organisers do manage to collect the required number of statements of support from citizens.

At this stage, the Commission should therefore refrain from taking any position on the substance of this proposed citizens' initiative.

Best regards,





Brussels,
C(2017) 90

Subject: Your request of 25 November 2016 for registration of a proposed citizens' initiative entitled "Ban glyphosate and protect people and the environment from toxic pesticides".

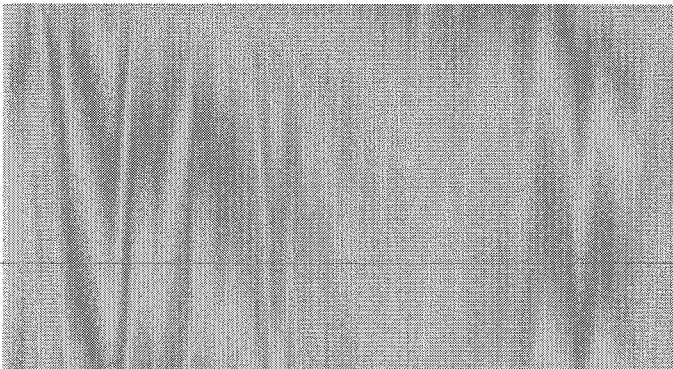
Dear organisers,

In accordance with Article 4(2) of Regulation (EU) No 211/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 February 2011 on the citizens' initiative¹, (hereinafter: the "Regulation"), within two months from the receipt of the information set out in Annex II, the Commission shall register a proposed citizens' initiative under a unique registration number and send a confirmation to the organisers, provided that the following conditions are fulfilled:

- (a) the citizens' committee has been formed and the contact persons have been designated in accordance with Article 3(2) of Regulation (EU) No 211/2011;
- (b) the proposed citizens' initiative does not manifestly fall outside the framework of the Commission's powers to submit a proposal for a legal act of the Union for the purpose of implementing the Treaties;
- (c) the proposed citizens' initiative is not manifestly abusive, frivolous or vexatious; and
- (d) the proposed citizens' initiative is not manifestly contrary to the values of the Union as set out in Article 2 of the Treaty on European Union (TEU).

In accordance with Article 4(3) of the Regulation, the Commission shall refuse the registration if the conditions laid down in paragraph 2 are not met. Where it refuses to register

¹ OJ L 65, 11.3.2011, p. 1.



a proposed citizens' initiative, the Commission shall inform the organisers of the reasons for such refusal and of all possible judicial and extrajudicial remedies available to them.

On 25 November 2016, the Commission received via the ECI register a request for registration of your proposed initiative entitled "Ban glyphosate and protect people and the environment from toxic pesticides".

The proposed initiative calls *"on the European Commission to propose to member states a ban on glyphosate, to reform the pesticide approval procedure, and to set EU-wide mandatory reduction targets for pesticide use"*.

The main objectives of the proposed initiative are as follows: *"Ban glyphosate-based herbicides, exposure to which has been linked to cancer in humans, and has led to ecosystems degradation; ensure that the scientific evaluation of pesticides for EU regulatory approval is based only on published studies, which are commissioned by competent public authorities instead of the pesticide industry; set EU-wide mandatory reduction targets for pesticide use, with a view to achieving a pesticide-free future."*

The Commission has examined the proposed citizens' initiative to ascertain whether it meets the conditions laid down in the Regulation.

The Commission considers that your proposed initiative satisfies the conditions for registration laid down in Article 4(2) of Regulation (EU) No 211/2011.

In light of the above, I am pleased to inform you that the Commission has decided to register your proposed initiative on 25 January 2017. On that date you will receive a confirmation, as provided for in Article 4(2) of the Regulation including a unique registration number.

Yours faithfully,
For the Commission

Frans TIMMERMANS
First Vice-President