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On 21 September, I met at their request with two representatives of Monsanto: Phil Miller, Monsanto's Global Lead on Government and Regulatory Affairs and Jonathan Ramsey, Head of governmental and Industry relations for Monsanto Europe based in Brussels. They had initially requested a meeting with the Commissioner. They met with the lead cabinet on biotech issues too (Andriukaitis).

Monsanto representatives shared their conce5rnmes as regards delays in approval of GM applications as well as the recent decision to renew temporarily the approval Glyphosate for a 18 months period. They stressed the economic losses of their company due to delays in approval and unpredictability faced by farmers for planting seeds. This situation causes damage to farmers and costs are high for Monsanto as they had to compensate them.

I explained that the debate in the EU around GMOs and pesticides is intense with public opinion becoming increasingly sensitive to possible safety concerns. I highlighted that we were aware of potential costs for industry and farmers while stressing the importance of a science-based informed and transparent debate. These issues are high on the political agenda of the new college as witnessed by the successive college debates on glyphosate before the summer.

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