



Mr. Janusz Wojciechowski
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European Commission
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Dear Commissioner Wojciechowski :

I am writing to share some perspectives, from a Bayer standpoint, on the challenge of ensuring food security within planetary boundaries, and to ask if we can meet to discuss your own work in this field while I am **in Brussels on 22 and 23 June**.

The current geopolitical context threatens to become a reason to scale back the EU's ambitions. Instead, it should seize the opportunity to show leadership in addressing the multiple current crises. Your department in particular makes a major contribution to mitigating the repercussions of the war in Ukraine on the agri-food sector. Bayer welcomes the overall vision set out in the Commission's Communication on safeguarding food security and reinforcing the resilience of food systems and stands ready to contribute to the process.

Given the unprecedented and incommensurable pressures on global food systems, it is a relief to us to see the renewed focus on productivity in the European Union. But we must not reduce our efforts for climate protection and biodiversity. Threats to food security from droughts, floods, and heatwaves as well as rising sea levels are already manifest and are set to grow with global warming, affecting vulnerable regions in particular. Now is the time to ensure productivity while doubling down on climate protection, and biodiversity.

As a global supplier of corn, soybean, and wheat seeds, we bear a great responsibility that goes beyond the business world – and we are very much aware of that. To secure food supplies in a world with a population growing towards 10 billion people affected by conflict, climate change, COVID-19, and rising costs, we are making every effort to live up to our responsibility to help produce greater yields with fewer inputs. This will not be achievable without innovations such as genome editing, digitalisation, and bio-fertilisers, which can be a game-changer for food security.

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That is why we are working tirelessly on future innovations for more sustainable agriculture. One example is short stature corn, which, thanks to its more compact structure, is better able to withstand difficult environmental conditions such as strong winds, as well as requiring less water. Undoubtedly, this crop will not only play a key role in climate adaptation efforts but also make a significant contribution to global food security. We are determined to make these innovations available to all growers. I would gladly share details with you of our breakthrough innovations and discuss how we could realise their full potential in contributing to the common goal of carbon neutrality and food security.

No one country, multilateral institution or company can solve the complex and highly inter-connected environmental, health and nutritional challenges the world now faces. At Bayer, we say that when it comes to sustainable food production and food security, collaboration is the name of the game. This is why I would welcome an opportunity to discuss what more we can do to support the Commission in its work.

I look forward to your response and trust we can find a mutually suitable time for a meeting during my upcoming visit.

Best regards,

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