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**To: Members of SCoPAFF-
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SCoPAFF meeting on 9th November - glyphosate vote

Dear SCoPAFF members

I am writing in advance of the SCoPAFF meeting on 9th November, more specifically on the issue of the re-approval of glyphosate.

In preparing your position for the vote I would encourage you to bear the following in mind:

- We fail to understand the scientific justification of a 5-year approval when the historical practice has been 15 years for substances which have been granted a clean bill of health by our EU scientific institutions.
- An approval of less than 15-years sets an unwelcome precedent for future, and is not consistent with the significant body of evidence in support of glyphosate;
- There is a need to support strong scientific institutions in the EU. The acceptance of an approval of less than 15-years would unnecessarily undermine the work of EFSA and ECHA;

Those opposed to the approval of glyphosate have not fully articulated the consequences of farming within Europe without it. Its loss will have a significant impact on the viability of farming businesses across Europe, not to mention a significant negative impact on crop yield, the economy, the environment and trade.

Our industry needs clear, consistent and predictable legislation, in order to continue investing for the future of European farming. Basing approval decisions on politics rather than science does not meet any of those conditions.

Yours sincerely



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