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Subject: Glyphosate – AIR 5 – assignment of RMS/co-RMS

Dear 5.1.2.e Woo

During the March 22-23 SCoPAFF of this year, the Commission's draft working document establishing the 5th Renewal Programme (SANTE-2018-10048-rev 1), was adopted. For glyphosate the application date and the submission date for the supplementary dossier have been defined as December 15, 2019 and June 15, 2020 respectively.

Subsequently, Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/155 assigned Rapporteur Member States and co-Rapporteur Member States (RMS, co-RMS) to all, but three, of the active substances whose approval expires after December 31, 2021 and no later than December 31, 2024.

Glyphosate was not assigned a RMS or co-RMS as part of this Regulation. Six months and 3 SCoPAFFs later, glyphosate still has no RMS assigned. The next SCoPAFF is only scheduled October 23-24 of this year.

The consortium of companies with an interest to renew glyphosate urges the Commission to assign the RMS and co-RMS without delay. The timelines for Application and dossier submission are getting short. As provided for the other active substances in the 5th Renewal Programme, we have the legitimate expectation for timely pre-submission meetings. Alignment with and advice from the Rapporteur in preparing the glyphosate renewal is key, especially considering the size of the data package, the socio-political debate on glyphosate and considering the proposals issued in context of the General Food Law revision that were mainly triggered by the previous glyphosate renewal process.

We trust the Commission agrees with the need to accelerate the assignment of the Rapporteur Member State for glyphosate and will take its responsibility accordingly.

Sincerely yours,

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