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Application for access to documents related to Commissioner Andriukaitis' letter to the Glyphosate Task Force of April 4, 2016

Dear Sir or Madam,

On April 4, Commissioner Andriukaitis sent a letter to the president of the Glyphosate Task Force (GTF) asking for more transparency regarding 14 studies on the cancer risks of glyphosate. The GTF response was published on the same date.

It seems highly unlikely that the GTF co-ordinated its response within a single day among its members. This raises serious questions on whether the letter of Mr. Andriukaitis is part of a co-ordinated effort between the Commission and the GTF to appease public concerns about the safety of glyphosate. So far, the Commission has done nothing to refute these concerns.

Therefore, we request access to following documents in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 on public access to documents:

- Access to all internal correspondence within the European Commission with regard to the letter of Mr. Andriukaitis of April 4, 2016 to the Glyphosate Task Force.
- Access to all documents related to communication of the European Commission with the following organisations or individual employees of these organisations between December 1, 2015 and April 5, 2016:
 - The Glyphosate Task Force, and its member companies, as well as other companies or industry associations, as far as their communication with the Commission was related to glyphosate.
 - External consultants and law firms working for one of the before mentioned actors or the European Commission, as far as their communication with the Commission was related to glyphosate.
 - Access to all minutes of meetings that took place between the European Commission and the before mentioned actors between December 1, 2015 and April 5, 2016, as far as they were related to glyphosate.

- Access to all minutes of internal meetings within the European Commission related to the letter of Mr. Andriukaitis.

Our request includes all correspondence and related documents, including any emails, letters, minutes, presentations or any other documents received by the Commission, as well as the Commission's response, documents related to the Commission's response, and any further follow up documents or exchanges.

Kind regards,



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