Amendment 6
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on behalf of the ECR Group

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— having regard to the report of the
UN Human Rights Council Special
Rapporteur on the Right to Food, of 24
January 2017, on global pesticide use in
agriculture and its impact on human
rights,

Amendment
deleted

Or. en
B. whereas the EU authorisation procedure for plant protection products is one of the most stringent in the world; whereas in the light of the concerns raised by several stakeholders about the assessment of glyphosate, the Special Committee on the Union’s authorisation procedure for pesticides (PEST) aims to identify areas that can be further improved with regard to the Union authorisation procedure for plant protection products, by providing recommendations that it considers to be necessary in order to ensure the achievement of a high level of protection of both human and animal health and the environment;
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Recital B a (new)

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Ba. whereas owing to the strict nature of EU legislation, the number of substances on the market has decreased; whereas only 20 new substances of the 43 submitted have been approved and only eight of those have been authorised for use in plant protection products since the entry into force of the Regulation; whereas in the last two years, no applications have been submitted for the approval of a new active substance; whereas this leads to shortages in much needed pesticides for farmers, which endangers food supplies and threatens the attainment of all the objectives of the Regulation, which include safeguarding the competitiveness of Community agriculture;

Or. en
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Recital Bb (new)

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Bb. whereas all stages of the approval procedure should be improved in order to encourage public confidence in the system regulating plant protection products; whereas the transparency of the authorisation processes related to the activities of competent authorities should also be improved; whereas the Commission’s proposal to revise Regulation (EC) No 178/2002 on general food law is aimed at addressing concerns relating to the data and evidence supplied during the evaluation process and at increasing transparency;

Or. en
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Recital C

C. whereas the precautionary principle is an overarching principle for Union policy, as laid down in Article 191 of the TFEU; whereas the Regulation, as provided for in Article 1(4) thereof, is underpinned by the precautionary principle; whereas the risk management decision, as provided for in Article 13(2), must comply with the conditions of the precautionary principle as laid down in Article 7(1) of Regulation (EC) No 178/2002; whereas Article 7(2) of Regulation 178/2002 provides that measures adopted on the basis of the precautionary principle must be proportionate;

Amendment
C. whereas the precautionary principle is an overarching principle for Union policy, as laid down in Article 191 of the TFEU; whereas the EU authorisation system for plant protection products has the lowest maximum residue levels and is the only one which uses the precautionary principle, which is codified as a specific objective in legislation; whereas the risk management decision, in accordance with Article 13(2) of the Regulation, must follow the conditions of the precautionary principle as laid down in Article 7(1) of Regulation (EC) No 178/2002; whereas Article 7(2) of Regulation 178/2002 provides that measures adopted on the basis of the precautionary principle shall be proportionate;

Or. en
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D. whereas concerns have been raised by several stakeholders about the assessment of glyphosate, in particular as to whether an independent, objective and transparent assessment has taken place, whether the classification criteria of Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 have been properly applied, whether relevant guidance documents have been properly used and whether the approval criteria and the precautionary principle have been properly applied;

Or. en
Motion for a resolution
Recital F

F. whereas the evaluation of the implementation of the Regulation has revealed that the objectives of protecting human and animal health and the environment are not being fully achieved and that improvements could be made in order to achieve all the objectives of the Regulation;

Amendment

F. whereas the evaluation of the implementation of the Regulation has revealed that improvements could be made in order to achieve all the objectives laid out in Article 1(3) of the Regulation;

Or. en
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Recital H

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H. whereas it has been found that national competent authorities involved in the approval and authorisation process are in some cases understaffed and underfunded; whereas this risks impacting the quality of the assessments, for both active substances and plant protection products, and the time in which they can be delivered;

Amendment

H. whereas it has been found that national competent authorities involved in the approval and authorisation process are in some cases understaffed and underfunded; whereas this risks impacting the time in which assessments can be delivered;

Or. en
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Amendment 14
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Recital J

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J. whereas the decision-making process has been found to be lacking in transparency throughout the procedure, from lack of public access to the full studies and raw data through to the risk management stage;

Amendment

J. whereas the decision-making process has been found to be lacking in transparency;

Or. en
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Recital Q

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Amendment

Q. whereas the use of plant protection deleted
products in areas used by the general
public or by vulnerable groups is inappropriate;

Or. en