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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure

on the unreliability of opinions delivered by the European Food Safety Agency,
particularly in the case of glyphosate

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the unreliability of opinions delivered by the European Food Safety Agency, particularly in the case of glyphosate

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas in 2015 the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) classified glyphosate as ‘probably carcinogenic to humans’, while the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) has assessed it as ‘unlikely’ to be carcinogenic;
- B. whereas studies and meta-analyses have shown a strong association between certain cancers and exposure to glyphosate which is not coincidental, contrary to the EFSA’s assertions;
- C. whereas, in fact, the development of rare forms of cancer in rats exposed to glyphosate does indicate such a link;
- D. whereas the lack of transparency and of an effective system for preventing conflicts of interest in European agencies (the German agency BfR, for instance, hosts scientists who are directly employed by agrochemical giants) casts doubt on the reliability of the opinions provided;
- 1. Insists that the Member States should be able to ban products using glyphosate and more generally decide their own public health policy;
- 2. Calls for transparency and the system to prevent conflicts of interest in European agencies to be strengthened.