Question for written answer E-008115/2014 to the Commission Rule 130 Anja Hazekamp (GUE/NGL) and Stefan Eck (GUE/NGL)

Subject: US authorisation of an agricultural poison based on a chemical weapon

Can the Commission comment, stating reasons, on the United States' approval of the agricultural poison Enlist Duo, which, in addition to glyphosate, also contains Agent Orange, which was used during the Vietnam War to defoliate the jungle and destroy fields?

- 1. Can the Commission exclude the possibility that this agricultural poison, based on glyphosate and Agent Orange, will be approved for use in the EU?
- 2. Agent Orange causes such diseases as cancer of the lymph glands and of the airways, immune system diseases and complaints affecting the peripheral nervous system. Can the Commission guarantee that no products will be placed on the European market which have been treated with Enlist Duo in the United States and contain traces of Agent Orange that do not comply with EU law?
- 3. Will the EU be able to reject the poison Enlist Duo or similar agents based on Agent Orange and glyphosate, and products containing traces of them, if the free trade agreement with the United States (TTIP) enters into force?