**Molly Scott Cato (Verts/ALE).** – Mr President, I thank Maria and her colleagues in the Committee on Development for this report, which is a prime example of the EU standing up to big business. I also thank the hundreds of constituents who emailed me with their concerns about the outdated model of agricultural development promoted by the G7’s so‑called New Alliance for Food Security and Nutrition. In such an initiative, nutrition should be the logical starting point, but this is not so. Instead, nutrition comes second to opportunities for industrial agribusinesses with no focus on healthy food but rather on agricultural commodities, which of course require monocultures. This increases input dependency and land degradation.

Crucially, this Parliament report argues that the new alliance must allow farmers to avoid input dependency. There will not be food sovereignty if farmers are beholden to corporations for their seeds and then brought into vicious circles of pesticide and fertilizer use. We should support farmers’ seed systems which maintain agro‑biodiversity.