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Proposal for a regulation Recital -1 (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(-1) Life should under no circumstances be patented, either in the form of reproductive techniques or by privatising genome sequences, because knowledge is of benefit to all.

Or. pt

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Proposal for a regulation Recital -1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(-1a) Ethical questions relating to the use and practice of science in the field of genetic engineering are a fundamental issue. First and foremost, the short-, medium- and long-term consequences of using such technologies must be examined. It will be undeniably important to gain further knowledge about the impact on the environment, climate, farming, biodiversity and food security. It will also be important to build bridges between science and the advances it produces and the development of agriculture and production in general avoiding sacrificing the future and ensuring that such choices follow the precautionary principle.

Or. pt

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Proposal for a regulation Recital 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(1a) Trade in genetically modified organism varieties cannot directly or indirectly rely solely on monopolistic private multinational companies, which benefit the most from the mass use of those patented varieties, a situation that leaves farmers more dependent on seed producers and, therefore, reduces the Member States' food and production sovereignty.

Or. pt

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Proposal for a regulation Recital 1 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(1b) Since knowledge about the properties of each gene is incomplete and the number of variables is considerable, the impact of using such genetic techniques and their subsequent large-scale roll-out is not yet fully understood. Natural or organic crops, i.e. crops that have not been genetically modified by humans, existing alongside genetically modified crops poses the issue of gene flow, since pollination is often anemophilous, by way of the wind.

Or. pt

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Proposal for a regulation Recital 1 c (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(1c)The use of genetically modified organisms has led to an excessive use of pesticides and persistent fertilisers, which can lead to reduced soil fertility, aridity and low water holding capacity. Defending the genetic integrity of natural crops is therefore fundamental, given that the impact of large-scale agriculture on soil properties affects the hydrosphere, biosphere, atmosphere and climate and, over time, contributes to desertification, which poses a threat to long-term food security. The precautionary principle should therefore be followed, with the introduction of new NGT varieties.

Or. pt

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Proposal for a regulation Recital 1 d (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(1d) The impact that consumption of GMOs and NGTs may have on animal feed and human food has not been sufficiently weighed up, particularly in the long term. There are no studies in the European Union that assess with any certainty the true impact of introducing such plant varieties on farming and food.

Or. pt