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on genetically modified food, seeds and fodder

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Written declaration on genetically modified food, seeds and fodder

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 116 of its Rules of Procedure,
 - A. whereas a majority of EU citizens and many of the Member States' regions have expressed their opposition to the presence of GMOs and this will should be respected,
 - B. having regard to the enormous difficulty of ensuring the coexistence of GMOs with other crops,
 - C. recognising that biodiversity contributes much more to our nutritional safety than any gene technology for plants or animals,
 - D. whereas the best means of developing agriculture in Europe is through traditional and ecological food production,
 - E. having regard to the recognised risks that GMOs present for the health of people, animals and the natural environment,
 - F. realising that patent rights on life greatly increase farmers' costs,
1. Calls for every country and region to have the right to completely prohibit the import, growing and sale of genetically modified organisms;
 2. Urges the Council and the Commission to implement strict and unlimited liability for gene technology firms concerning all damages to the environment, health and the economy which result from the introduction and utilisation of GMOs;
 3. Calls for all patent rights on living organisms to be declared invalid;
 4. Instructs its President to forward this declaration, together with the names of the signatories, to the Council and the Commission.