WRITTEN QUESTION E-6232/08 by Neil Parish (PPE-DE) to the Commission

Subject: Plant production products

Has the Commission held any discussions with the crop protection industry, plant breeders and manufacturers of alternative control measures in relation to how effectively they will be able to fill any gaps created by the proposed Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the placing of plant protection products on the market (COM(2006)0388, Replacement of Council Directive 91/414/EEC¹)? What assurances has the Commission received from these discussions that any gaps could be filled and if so in what timescale would that be likely to happen?

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¹ OJ L 230, 19.8.1991, p. 1.