

**Question for written answer E-001411/2016/rev.1
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Commission refuses to ban GMOs

Yet another example of the powerlessness of the European Parliament: on Wednesday, 3 February 2016, Parliament objected to the authorisation of three GMO soybeans produced by Bayer and Monsanto. However, as it concerns an implementing act, Parliament's objection is not legally binding. So is the Commission intending to ban these GMOs, as MEPs are requesting?

The GMOs in question are resistant to glyphosate, the active ingredient in the world's best selling weed killer, Roundup. Glyphosate is also acknowledged to be carcinogenic. Why is the Commission not taking precautionary action as a matter of urgency, given the increasing amount of evidence pointing to the dangers posed?