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Subject: For a moratorium on insect killing GMOs

Agrochemical firms are finalising production of new GMO crops which modify the DNA of insect pests that attack plants such as maize, wheat, potatoes, tomatoes, tobacco and cotton.

Many varieties of aphid, Colorado beetle, red spider mite and moth, in both larvae (caterpillar) and adult form, would be targeted.

These GMO crops, which could kill or repel insects, would replace agricultural pesticides, but there are many risks associated with such genetic modifications, including:

modification of the genome of non-targeted insects, including domestic and wild pollinators;

the potential for modified genes to mutate, creating new ecosystem risks;

higher seed prices, benefiting agrochemical firms but harming farmers and consumers;

the collapse of ecosystems as the food chain would lose several links, leading to the disappearance of predators of the insects concerned, or the disappearance of other insects to which predation would be shifted.

1. In view of these dangers, does the Commission intend to introduce a moratorium banning the production and dissemination of insect killing GMO crops?
2. Will it prohibit imports of products from these crops?

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