

**Question for written answer E-003266/2023
to the Commission**

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Subject: Death of 10 children in Côte d'Ivoire following the ingestion of a herbicide

In the village of Niangban in Côte d'Ivoire, more than 80 people were hospitalised and 10 children died from food poisoning in September 2023. The Ivorian Ministry of Health declared 'a strong suspicion of collective food poisoning following consumption of corn porridge contaminated by herbicides'. We hope that this sad assessment is not a new example of the double standards persisting within the EU and its Member States, which continue to export pesticides banned on their own territory.

1. Does the Commission have information on the nature of this herbicide and its origin?
2. If so, can it confirm that this is not a pesticide banned in the EU, produced within one of its Member States and then exported?

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