ORAL QUESTION H-0705/08 for Question Time at the part-session in October 2008 pursuant to Rule 109 of the Rules of Procedure by Liam Aylward to the Council

Subject: Effects of hazard-based approach on food prices and pest resistance

Assuming that a hazard-based approach will reduce the number of pesticides on the market, what does the Council consider will be the future outcome on pest resistance and the consequential crop production in the EU, effects on food prices/security and the consequences for the developing world? (Some experts believe that the EU will source more food from the developing world, resulting in increased food prices there with a consequential effect on those on the edge of poverty.)

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