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PRESS RELEASE

Glyphosate re-authorisation is a good step forward although insufficient – reliance on science should be the way forward

Brussels, 27 November 2017 – COCERAL welcomes the re-authorisation of glyphosate for 5 years and recalls its functionality as a critical active substance for the EU as well as Third Countries' farmers.

Considering the scientific evidence and assessments, COCERAL called for a 15-year re-authorisation.

Even though the positive vote taken by the Appeal Committee for a 5-year re-authorisation will alleviate the pressure for the upcoming years, the decision remains largely insufficient for providing clarity for the long-term perspective of European agriculture, productivity and the trade of agricultural raw materials in Europe.

Secretary General Teresa Babuscio stated "*The European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) and the European Chemical Agency (ECHA) were certain about the safety of use of glyphosate. We must take science as our guide and rely on it, avoiding emotional debates and artificial controversies.*"

COCERAL calls on the European Commission and EU Member States to carry out their assessments based on facts and scientific evidence and ensure a steady toolbox of crop protection products for European farmers.

COCERAL encourages the European Commission and other EU Institutions to also implement mechanisms for improving public understanding and knowledge about agriculture and importance of agricultural inputs for the safety, availability and affordability of food.

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