



The Greens | European Free Alliance
in the European Parliament

Jean-Claude Juncker
President of the European Commission

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Sir,

Your recent position on the authorisation procedure for genetically modified organisms in Europe won you the support of some members of the Greens/EFA group. Furthermore, at your meeting with the Greens/EFA group on 9 July, you referred to this procedure as both “scientifically and democratically” flawed.

However, it would seem that Mr Barroso is not of the same opinion and would like to use the opportunity of tomorrow’s meeting of the outgoing College of Commissioners to give the go-ahead to eight new GMOs and renew the authorisation for a ninth. The latest statements from outgoing Trade Commissioner De Gucht also support this point of view.

While last Wednesday this same College of Commissioners authorised €20bn in state aid for the construction of nuclear reactors in Hinkley, we believe that you may share the view that it is inappropriate for such a sensitive decision be taken by a College of Commissioners right at the end of its mandate.

At your hearing, you stated that you neither represented the status quo nor were you the heir of the Barroso Commission.

We are therefore counting on your intervention on this important dossier.

Yours faithfully,

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