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GET MEPs TO SIGN THE GMO DECLARATION NOW! ONLY 22% OF MEPs DON'T WANT GMOs!!! BUT IT IS STILL NOT TOO LATE TO TAKE ACTION!

Dear Zeus Subscriber,

70% to 80% of citizens in the European Union countries **don't want GMOs**, but only 22% of Members of the European Parliament (MEPs) don't want them. **SO WHO DO 78% OF MEPs REPRESENT?!!?**

Why do they ignore our letters and fail to endorse the wishes of the people? Are most European Parliamentarians in the pocket of the dominant agribusiness corporations?

WE MUST NOT LET THEM REMAIN SILENT ABOUT SUCH AN IMPORTANT ISSUE!

So far 160 MEP's have signed up to the Written Declaration number 14/2006 on genetically modified food, seeds and fodder whose main call is for the right of EU countries & regions to make their own decisions concerning the import and planting of GMOs.

The European Parliament is in a position to **challenge** the European Commission through the means of this declaration. It requires 50% of MEPs to sign the document in order for it to become official

and would send a powerful message to European policy makers at a crucial time in the GMO debate.

IT IS STILL NOT TOO LATE TO PERSUADE MEPs TO SIGN THE DECLARATION! The cut-off point for this declaration to be accepted is **June 12th**. Please help us by once again

sending letters to MEPs and by distributing this information as widely as possible.

(*See letter you can send at bottom of this email. Attached is list of email addresses of United Kingdom MEPs who haven't signed yet - you need to send letter to them all - copy & paste into To: section)

Even if you are not in Europe, you can still send the letter because if we can stop genetically modified food over here, who knows it will help stop it in the rest of the world!!

To find email addresses for your country in Europe follow instructions here:-

LISTS OF THE E-MAILS OF THE MEPS WHO DIDN'T SIGN:

1. Go to http://icppc.pl/pl/gmo/index.php?id=224.

2. Click on the name of the country

3. Copy e-mails of the MEPs who didn't sign from this country

4. Add letter demanding MEPs to sign...

5. If you want to send personal letters to each MEP you will find the links to the lists of the MEPs who signed and MEPs who didn't on the very bottom of http://icppc.pl/pl/gmo/index.php?id=224

BELOW YOU CAN FIND VERY INTERESTING TOTALS

Country no. of MEPs/no. of signatures

Austria 18/7

Belgium 24/4

Cyprus	6/6	Bravo!!
Denmark	14/	4
Finland	14/1	
France	78/22	
Germany	99/1	8
Greece	24/17	,
Hungary	24/6	5
Ireland	13/4	
Italy	78/6	
Latvia	9/3	
Lithuania	13/4	
Netherlands	27/	5
Poland	54/30	
Portugal	24/8	
Slovakia	14/2	
Spain	54/2	
Sweden	19/4	1
UK	78/7	
Czech Republic 24/0		
Estonia	6/0	
Luxemburg	6/	0
Malta	5/0	

for **EUROPEAN MEPs** - please get email addresses from <u>http://icppc.pl/pl/gmo/index.php?id=224</u> for your country and use this or your own letter.

Dear MEP,

It is very encouraging to see that some 40% of the UK has taken the step of declaring itself GMO Free. Hopefully this area will further expand as more information about the harmful effects of genetically engineered foods and seeds become recognised. We would like to draw your attention to Declaration no 14/2006 because by signing this document YOU WILL BE SUPORTING A GMO FREE ENGLAND and GMO FREE EUROPE.

About the Declaration no 14/2006

http://icppc.pl/pl/gmo/index.php?id=198 In order to support a "GMOfree Europe", in March 2006, Mr Janusz Wojciechowski MEP, the Polish Vice-President of the Agriculture Committee, and three other MEPs: Ms Caroline Lucas form the United Kingdom, Mr Ioaannis Gklavakis from Greece and Mr Thijs Berman from the Netherlands submitted to the European Parliament the Written Declaration no 14/2006 on genetically modified food, seeds and fodder. The main demand of the Declaration is to make change in the European law, permitting each member state and each region to forbid the cultivation of GMOs in its area! We are therefore urging you to sign this declaration.

The signatures will be collected until the 13th of June 2006. You can sign the Declaration during the plenary sessions - in the front of the

Hemicycle or in between the plenary sessions in the room PHS 02A019 inBrussels.

We look forward to your reply.

Yours sincerely