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Open letter to the *President* of the European Commission Ursula von der Leyen, Executive Vice-President and Commissioner for the European Green Deal Frans Timmermans, Commissioner for Agriculture Janusz Wojciechowski, Commissioner for Health and Food Safety Stella Kyriakides, Commissioner for Environment, Ocean and Fisheries Virginijus Sinkevicius

Regarding the current discussion of more advanced nonselective herbicide technologies in Europe, focus on Surfactants used in Glyphosate Based Herbicides

Dear President von der Leyen, Dear Vice President Timmermans, Dear Commissioners Wojciechowski, Kyriakides and Sinkevicius,

In addition to our statement in an open letter to the EU Commission of 16.06.2020 on the obviously unscientific assessment of the IARC, the herbicide glyphosate probably should have a carcinogenic effect on the human organism, we would like to ask you in another statement of the Senior Expert Group Chemistry (SEC) of the German Chemical Society (GDCh) (see attachment) to direct your focus on the more intensive research of the different formulations of the dosage forms of the herbicide containing glyphosate on the market. By our statement, we would like to support the demands of the Glyphosate Assessment Group (AGG, consisting of representatives from F, NL, HR and S), which has certified glyphosate itself as harmless with regard to carcinogenicity, but recommends that the issue of toxicity of the formulations be further considered. In the face of the Ukraine war and the threat of famine in many countries around the world, it is urgent to obtain clarity on the different glyphosate formulations with regard to their toxicity so that this herbicide can continue to be used to increase the productivity of life-sustaining cereal crops worldwide without harm to life and limb. We therefore ask the Commission to support more intensive research into glyphosate formulations.

Yours respectfully,

Prof. Dr. Klaus-Peter Jäckel, Chairman of the board "Senior Experts Chemistry" (SEC), section of the German Society of Chemistry (GDCh)



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Prof. Dr. Klaus-Dieter Jany, Member of the SEC board

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Dr. Eckhart Louis, SEC – Member