

WRITTEN DECLARATION

pursuant to Rule 116 of the Rules of Procedure

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regarding genetically modified food, seeds, and fodder

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**Written declaration regarding genetically modified food, seeds, and fodder**

**The European Parliament,**

**– having regard to Rule 116 of its Rules of Procedure,**

A- respecting the will of the majority of EU citizens and many of the Member States regions, who have pronounced against the presence of GMOs.

B- taking into consideration the enormous difficulty of ensuring coexistence of GMOs with other crops

C- recognizing that biodiversity contributes much more to our nutritional safety than any gene technology of plants or animals.

D- taking into consideration, that the best chance for developing agriculture in Europe is through traditional and ecological food production.

E- taking into consideration, the recognized risks that GMO's present for the health of people, animals and the natural environment.

F- realizing that patent rights on life greatly increase farmers' costs

1. demands that every country and region has the right to completely prohibit the import, cultivation, and sale of genetically modified organisms
2. urges the European Council and the European Commission to implement a strict and unlimited liability for gene technology firms concerning all damages to the environment, health and economy, which result from the introduction and utilisation of GMOs
3. demands that all patent rights on living organisms be declared as invalid
4. mandates its president to forward this declaration in the name of the undersigned to the Council and the Commission