

Krakow, 21st of June, 2006

Dear Friends,

Our efforts to secure the 364 votes needed to pass the 'Declaration 14/2006' in the European Parliament failed to achieve enough support to become officially accepted. At the point of the deadline, June 16th, 208 MEP's had signed the statement. This is a good result, judging by other organisations' attempts to use this 'written declaration' form of lobbying. The average number of signatures collected for other attempts to pass declarations during 2006 was 99... and they were not as controversial as ours.

!!!We believe that the effect of the intensive lobbying was not wasted!!! Many more MEP's are now aware of this issue. Some MEP responses demonstrated a clear commitment to keeping GMO's out of their countries, but others showed an extraordinary lack of awareness and responsibility!!!

So, we are disappointed, but not unduly discouraged. We want to send a big THANK YOU to all those who put so much positive energy into this lobbying. We also want to make sure that we maintain our working connection and continue to fight together to free Europe from GMO's!!!

We should continue to build and expand our pan - European alliance in order to have ever greater strength in the battles to come !!!

Warm wishes,  
Jadwiga Lopata and Julian Rose,  
International Coalition to Protect the Polish Countryside - ICPPC