



Members of the European Parliament
Committee for Women's Rights and Gender Equality

Utrecht, 22nd October 2007

Re: Upcoming vote for a new EU pesticides policy

Dear Member of the Committee for Women's Rights and Gender Equality,

this week, you will be voting on a new pesticides legislation for the citizens of the European Union (EU). On behalf of the undersigned members and partners of WECF, we are writing to ask you to confirm the vote of the European Parliaments Environment Committee in September this year and vote for a reduction of the use of pesticides in the EU. Your vote is key to ensuring that children are protected from the harmful effects of pesticides in the environment.

Recent research has shown, among others, that of the most harmful neuro-toxic chemicals which newborn babies carry in their body, the majority are pesticides. We are very worried about the long term effects on the health and brain development of our Children. We are also concerned that pesticides continue to be applied near schools and on children's playgrounds,

Please take this opportunity of the vote on September 24th, to ban pesticides that cause long-term health effects among others to children's brain development and their endocrine system, and ban the use of pesticides in and around areas where children spend most of their time.

The undersigning organisations are participants of the WAVE conference (Women as the Voice for the Environment) in Belgrade, Serbia. At 15th of October 2007 they came together from 50 different countries in the PAN-European region, *20 years after the publication of the Report of the commission Brundtland „Our common future“ and 15 years after the Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro (das kann auch raus)*, to call for the right to a healthy environment.

We thank you for your efforts to ensure that children are in the future protected from hazardous substances and can grow into health individuals by giving them a chemical free-start.

Sincerely yours,

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Ecotox, Moldova
Women in Sustainable Development of Moldava (WISDOM), Moldova
Ecoproject Sustainability Initiative
GREENWOMEN' Ecological News Agency, Kasachstan
Yee Board Youth and Environment, Russia
Eco-TIRAS, Moldova
EDEN, Albania
Caucasus Environment Foundation, NGO
Open Asia, Denmark
Earth Forever Foundation, Bulgaria
MAMA-86, Ukraine
Black Seas Womens Club
WWF Russia
Ecosphere Georgia
INOCH, Plutonium Free Future Women's Network
Friends of the Baltic
Center for Environment for Policy and Law
UNISON, Kyrgyzstan
Armenian Women for Health and a Healthy Environment (AWHHE), Armenia
Caucasus Environment Foundation
Eco Accord, Russia
Georgian Environmental & Biological Monitoring Association
PAROS Georgia
Katachel e.V., Germany/Afghanistan
Alga, Kyrgystan
The Center of Social Development of Akhaltsike
Greens Movement of Georgia, Georgia
Social Ecological Institut, Poland
Ecosense, Macedonia
Bugday Association for Supporting Ecological Living, Turkey
Health & Environment Alliance, Europe
ZijActief, Netherlands
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