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Dear [redacted]

**Subject: Recent report from the Health and Environment Alliance (HEAL) concerning the conclusions reached on glyphosate by ECHA's Risk Assessment Committee (RAC)**

On 8 June 2022, the NGO HEAL informed us that it published a report<sup>1</sup> according to which important scientific findings on carcinogenicity from studies on glyphosate have been dismissed by RAC when concluding glyphosate does not meet the criteria to be classified as carcinogenic<sup>2</sup> (i.e. in line with the conclusion also reached by RAC in 2017).

In particular the authors of the report consider that in ten out of eleven guideline carcinogenicity studies, statistically significant tumours were identified which were dismissed by the Assessment Group on Glyphosate (AGG) and by RAC.

Given that the concerns detailed in the report focus on the evaluation of studies used in the EU assessment of the classification of glyphosate, I would like to ask ECHA to consider these points in detail and to provide a reaction to them. ECHA might also wish to consider publishing the reaction on its website in the interest of full transparency.

Yours sincerely,

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<sup>1</sup> "How the EU risks greenlighting a pesticide linked to cancer" <https://www.env-health.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/HEAL-How-the-EU-risks-greenlighting-a-pesticide-linked-to-cancer-2022.pdf>  
<sup>2</sup> <https://echa.europa.eu/-/glyphosate-no-change-proposed-to-hazard-classification>

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