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Re: Statement of EFSA “Review of the Séralini et al. (2012) publication on a 2-year rodent feeding trial with Glyphosate Formulations and GM maize NK603 as published online on 19 September 2012 in Food and Chemical Toxicology”

Dear Prof. Séralini,

The European Food Safety Authority was requested by the European Commission on the 26th of September 2012 to review the scientific publication “Long term toxicity of a Roundup herbicide and a Roundup-tolerant genetically modified maize¹” of which you are the first author.

Consequently EFSA published on its website today a Statement entitled “Review of the Séralini et al. (2012) publication on a 2-year rodent feeding study with glyphosate formulations and GM maize NK603 as published online on 19 September 2012 in Food and Chemical Toxicology”.

This statement, which you can find in annex of this letter, contains a review of your scientific publication and indicates open issues where we identified a need for clarification. The statement also provides advise on whether the publication contains new scientific elements that could lead EFSA to reconsider the outcome of its opinion on maize NK603 and its related stacks.

EFSA would like to give the authors the opportunity to provide documentation as mentioned in the statement by the 12th of October 2012.

¹ Séralini, GE, Clair E, Mesnage R, Gress S, Defarge N, Malatesta M, Hennequin D, Vendômois JS – Long term toxicity of a Round herbicide and a Roundup-tolerant genetically modified maize; *Food Chem. Toxicol.* 2012

In a second output EFSA will take into account information received including an overview of assessments made by Member States along with the assessment of the German authorities responsible for the evaluation of glyphosate.

Yours sincerely,

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Annex 1: STATEMENT OF EFSA “Review of the Séralini et al. (2012) publication on a 2-year rodent feeding trial with Glyphosate Formulations and GM maize NK603 as published online on 19 September 2012 in Food and Chemical Toxicology” European Food Safety Authority (EFSA), Parma, Italy

Cc: Ms Paola Testori Coggi, Director General DG SANCO