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## WHAT SHOULD BE THE EU'S STANCE IN THE GLOBAL DEBATE ON GMO'S?

Tuesday, 20 February 2007

La Bibliothèque Solvay, Parc Léopold, rue Belliard 137, 1040 Brussels

17.30: Welcome of Participants

18.00 – 19.00 Café Crossfire Evening Debate

19.00 Networking Cocktail

Should Europe encourage or discourage the world's poorest farmers to grow genetically modified crops, or should it try to remain neutral in the increasingly heated worldwide debate over GMOs?

The runaway speed with which disease-resistant transgenic crops like soybeans, maize, cotton and now rice are being planted in developing countries is pushing the EU's trade and development policy stance on GMOs rapidly up the external relations agenda.

European governments remain divided on the GMO issue, with only five of the 27 EU members producing transgenic animal feed, but the closed markets of those countries with GMO bans is inhibiting use of the new technology in the developing world. What position should the EU be taking?

GMO crop production in Europe is at 55,000 hectares, only a tiny proportion of the world's 90m hectares, are its import policies on GMOs likely to determine whether developing countries will or will not switch to them?

WELCOME BY

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INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

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