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Dear Janez Podobnik,

Following our discussion during the NGO-event yesterday evening, I would like to sincerely thank for your attention to Denmark's concerns regarding the proposed Regulation on placing of plant protection products on the market.

As I mentioned, particularly the proposed provisions on mandatory mutual recognition of a plant protection product authorised by another Member State in the same zone, give rise to great concern. It is essential to me that a provision is included in the Regulation, which gives Member States the right to refuse to grant an authorisation to market plant protection products if there is scientific and technical knowledge that an authorisation will not comply with the requirements for authorisation laid down in Article 29 - requirements regarding for example effects on human health, animal health, groundwater and the environment.

I greatly appreciate the Presidency's attention to this crucial problem and hope that the Council can agree on including a provision similar to what we have suggested in the Commission's proposal on this crucial point.

Yours sincerely,



Troels Lund Poulsen