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Mr Laurent Gaberell, Public Eye
Ms Eva Corral, European Environmental Bureau (EEB)
Ms Nina Holland, Corporate Europe Observatory (CEO)
Mr Eoin Dubsky, SumOfUs

Dear Madam, dear Sir,

Thank you for your letter of 29 November 2022 and its attached statement, in which you recall the urgent need for an EU-wide ban on the export of banned pesticides and hazardous chemicals.

Also on behalf of Executive Vice-President Timmermans, I would like to reassure you that we are fully committed to implement the actions of the Chemicals Strategy for Sustainability as regards ensuring that hazardous chemicals banned in the European Union are not produced for export.

The European Commission's work programme for 2023 is not a complete list of all activities and the Commission is currently preparing an initiative concerning the export of banned chemicals. We intend to prepare an impact assessment and to launch an online public consultation and a call for evidence in early 2023. We would encourage you to actively participate in the public consultation and to submit all relevant evidence and data you may have through this consultation, which will be accessible via the [Have your say](#) website¹.

In parallel, a study will be performed to analyse various options to implement this commitment under the Chemicals Strategy, including a potential ban of the export of certain hazardous chemicals or a targeted initiative addressing the production of those chemicals in the EU through various legislative instruments. The study and the feedback to the consultation will be the basis for the impact assessment that will support the Commission proposal.

According to our current planning, we envisage to present a proposal to the European Parliament and to the Council in the course of 2023.

¹ https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/have-your-say/initiatives_en

My services are available for a meeting to discuss this subject in detail.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of several loops and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Virginijus Sinkevičius