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Dear President,

The Commission would like to thank the Assemblée nationale for its Opinion on the definition of criteria for identifying endocrine disruptors.

The ongoing impact assessment will allow the Commission to take an informed decision on the criteria to identify endocrine disruptors, in line with the request of the 7th Environment Action Programme in 2013. In particular, potential impacts on health, environment, agriculture, trade and socio-economy in general will be assessed.

The impact of the criteria on innovation and on development of alternative substances which may substitute those identified as endocrine disruptors will also be considered.

In the meantime, interim criteria set in the EU Regulations on plant protection products and on biocidal products are in place and applicable, which ensure a high level of protection to the health and the environment of the European Union.

The public consultation on the criteria to identify endocrine disruptors will provide an important contribution to the impact assessment. The Commission welcomes the detailed observations and suggestions made by the Assemblée nationale, which will be taken into careful consideration.

Finally, an EU strategy on endocrine disrupting chemicals is already in place since 1999.

The Commission hopes that these clarifications address the issues raised by the Assemblée nationale and looks forward to continuing our political dialogue in the future.

Yours faithfully,

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