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Dear Dr Url,

## **IARC Monographs on the Evaluation of Carcinogenic Risks to Humans**

Thank you for your letter of the 9 February 2016.

The Agency is looking forward to further face-to-face discussions concerning our respective glyphosate evaluations on 2 March 2016 at the conference in the European Parliament, as requested by its Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety. The previous event in the European Parliament, on 1 December 2015, was helpful in identifying the differences in process and in the scientific evaluations made by our respective experts. IARC is committed to such open, transparent debate.

In respect to a bilateral meeting between IARC and EFSA, to date and in relation to your letter of 9 February, I note that the corrections of misleading statements on the EFSA website about the IARC Monographs and the glyphosate evaluation, which would allow us to meet and to have an open scientific discussion, have not been made.

In regard to future IARC Monographs, I confirm my invitation to EFSA to attend any evaluations of interest in the capacity of Representatives. This should also help ensure that information exchange is facilitated in these important areas of public health.

Yours sincerely,

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