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DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR HEALTH AND FOOD SAFETY

Food and feed safety, innovation  
The Director

Brussels,  
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Dear Mr [REDACTED]

**Subject: European Green Deal**

Thank you for the letter of 5 December 2019<sup>1</sup>, addressed to Commissioner Schmit, where you request that the European Green Deal should not mention any action on “new breeding techniques”.

In the meantime, the Commission has published the Communication on the European Green Deal<sup>2</sup>. This document lays down how the Commission intends to pave the way for new ambitious policies and comprehensive measures, ensuring an adequate response to the climate and biodiversity crises.

For your information, based on Article 241 TFEU, the Council has requested<sup>3</sup> the Commission to submit a study regarding the status of “novel genomic techniques” under Union law and in light of the Court of Justice of the European Union’s judgment (Case C-528/16). For the elaboration of the study, the Commission is gathering information and data in a targeted consultation of the Member States and relevant EU-level stakeholders. Greenpeace Europe is among the consulted stakeholders.

Finally, I would like to note that only after completion of the study and based on its outcome, the Commission will consider what action needs to be taken.

Yours sincerely,

*[signed electronically]*  
*Sabine Jülicher*

<sup>1</sup> Our reference Ares(2019)7561500

<sup>2</sup> [https://ec.europa.eu/info/strategy/priorities-2019-2024/european-green-deal\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/info/strategy/priorities-2019-2024/european-green-deal_en)

<sup>3</sup> Council Decision (EU) 2019/1904

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