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there are few limited concerns (most of them shared with other MS), in particular:

- Organic farming by itself is good but it is not the only solution to sustainability problems; we need to explore the contribution that technology such as new genomic techniques, can give. This can be achieved through research but also through appropriate legislation.

HoC underlined:

- On new genomic techniques (NGT), this is sensitive and stakeholders must be given the time and possibility to express their views. The Commission is aware of the potential of these techniques, for instance to help achieving some of the targets (pesticides or fertilizers). We look forward to the relevant discussion and public consultation but know this is not an easy subject.

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