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**NOTE FOR THE ATTENTION OF
MR L. ROMERO REQUENA, DIRECTOR-GENERAL, LEGAL SERVICE**

Subject: Interservice consultation on a draft decision confirming the registration of a proposed citizens' initiative (Ref.: REQ.ECI(2019)000013 – 'Grow scientific progress: crops matter!')

On 25 May 2019, the Commission received a request to register a proposed citizens' initiative entitled 'Grow scientific progress: crops matter!'.

In accordance with Article 4(2) of Regulation (EU) No 211/2011 on the citizens' initiative, the Commission must confirm the registration of a citizens' initiative before the organisers can start to collect statements of support from signatories. According to the Regulation, the Commission is required to register a proposed initiative unless:

- it manifestly falls outside the framework of the Commission's powers to submit a proposal for a legal act of the Union for the purpose of implementing the Treaties;
- it is manifestly abusive, frivolous or vexatious;
- it is manifestly contrary to the values of the Union as set out in Article 2 of the Treaty on European Union.

The Commission's analysis is therefore of a legal nature, i.e. solely on the legal admissibility of the proposed initiative.

The Legal Service has already confirmed (Ares(2019)3668225) that this proposed initiative does not manifestly fall outside the Commission's powers to submit a proposal for a legal act of the Union for the purpose of implementing the Treaties and that it should consequently be registered in its entirety.

The Secretariat-General agrees with this assessment. We have therefore prepared the draft Commission Decision confirming the registration of this proposed initiative, which is in annex, referring to the following legal basis: Article 114 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU).

I would be grateful to receive your comments on the draft within five working days of receipt of this note.

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Draft registration decision 'Grow scientific progress: crops matter!'
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