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Genetically Modified Crops in Europe

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- Competent Authority for the use of GMO
- Focus on the Environmental Risk Assessment of GM Crops



Council Conclusions of 4 December 2008

- Strengthening of environmental assessment and of monitoring arrangements
- Support of systematic and independent research on the potential risks
- Support of collection and exchange of information



Council Conclusions of 4 December 2008 (continuation)

Regional and socio-economic aspects of GM Crops

- Need to take full account of the specific regional agronomical and environmental characteristics
- Possibility of case specific management or restriction measures, including prohibition measures for GMO cultivation
- GMO-free zones can be created on the basis of voluntary agreement



National bans of GM Crops cultivation

- Princip of Subsidiarity
- Various national environmental and agronomical conditions (see December Council conclusions)
- Member States should decide on cultivation by themselves

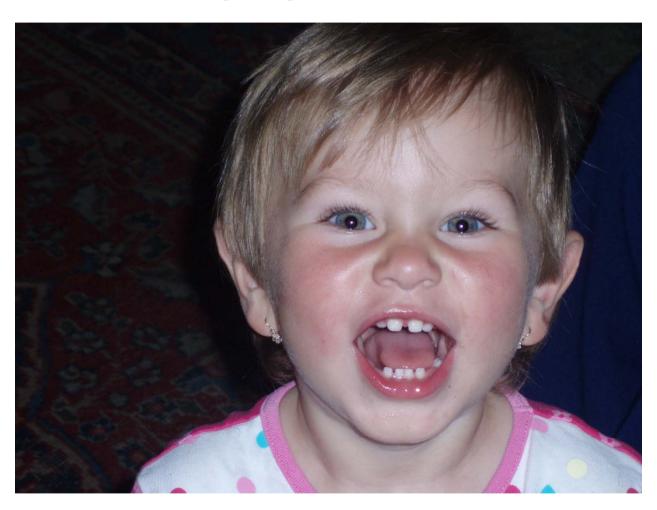
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- Support of national bans by the Council since 2006
- March 2, 2009: Environment Council under the Czech Presidency rejected the EC proposal to lift AT and HU bans

Thanks for your attention!



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