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Subject: Request for scientific assistance on the arguments provided by Monsanto with regard to EFSA's opinion on Monsanto's Insect Resistance Management Strategy

Ref.: Your letter dated 24/03/2015 – EFSA INCOMING No 108197 (25/03/2015)

Dear Mr Miko,

We hereby confirm the receipt, on 25 March 2015, of your letter dated 24 March 2015 (Ref. Ares (2015) 1279016) asking EFSA to consider Monsanto's comments on the Insect Resistance Management (IRM) plan of maize MON 810, and to conclude on the validity of its previous recommendations to improve the IRM plan.

As you rightly pointed out, the scientific panel on the genetically modified organisms of EFSA (EFSA GMO Panel) started considering Monsanto's concerns in the frame of its recent assessment of the 2013 report on the post-market environmental monitoring (PMEM) of maize MON 810. However, a final discussion and comprehensive evaluation of Monsanto's concerns were not inserted into the scientific opinion on the 2013 PMEM report on maize MON 810 recently published on the EFSA webpage.

We therefore welcome the present mandate and commit to issue a technical report on Monsanto's concerns by the end of June 2015.

Yours sincerely,



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cc: Mr Vanhoorde, Mr Poudelet, Ms André, Ms Pelsser, Ms Kammenou – DG SANTE
Ms Kleiner, Ms Waigmann, Mr Devos, Ms Mestdagh, Mr Álvarez – EFSA