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Honourable Members, dear Mr Rivasi,

Thank you for your letter of 22nd September 2016 and for informing me of your concerns regarding the acquisition of Monsanto by Bayer. Since seeds and crop protection products are (together with fertilisers) the starting point of the food supply chain, maintaining competition in this industry is particularly important.

The acquisition of Monsanto by Bayer has not been notified to the Commission yet. When the Commission will receive a formal notification for the Bayer/Monsanto transaction, I can assure you that my case team would carefully investigate it and duly take into account the concerns you have raised. The investigation would be based on the rules of the EU Merger Regulation as applicable to the specific facts of the case. Our final decision will strictly abide by those rules and will be reviewable before the European Courts.

Let me thank you again for your interest in this important matter.

Yours sincerely,



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