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No further delay of the Nature Protection Package

Dear Commissioners,
Dear Co-legislators,

The European organic movement, together with the organizers of the European Citizens' Initiative [Save Bees and Farmers](#) (signed by 1.2 million Europeans calling for a 80 percent reduction of synthetic pesticides by 2030 and a phase-out by 2035) fully support the European Commission's aim of releasing the "Nature Protection Package" on 22 June 2022, **without any further delay**.

Another postponement of this package which includes legislative proposals on the Nature Restoration Act and the revision of the Sustainable Use of Pesticides would be unacceptable.

If science has made one thing clear in recent years, it is that we have no more time to lose in the face of a looming biodiversity and climate crisis with catastrophic effects on our food system^{1 2 3}, because:

„Any further delay in concerted global action will miss a short, rapidly closing window of opportunity to secure a livable future“⁴

We believe that some elements of the bill – including [the quality of the indicators](#) to measure pesticide reduction - need further strengthening and improvement. **However we are convinced that these concerns can be quickly and easily fixed. Therefore, we strongly reject any attempt to use these arguments as a pretext to further scuttle the legislative initiatives.**

It is paradoxical that some Member State governments currently try to prevent the Commission from presenting the legislative proposal – and thereby opening the political discussion process – by arguing that [further discussions are required](#). We want to remind these Member States that political discussions as part of a transparent democratic process begin only with the adoption of the legislative text by the Commission, and that the Member States as co-legislators have a weighty voice in these discussions.

We therefore call on the Commission to stay the course and propose the legislative package on 22 June as planned, thus giving the go-ahead for the political debate and democratic exchange.

1 <https://www.fao.org/news/story/en/item/1180463/icode/>

2 <https://ipbes.net/global-assessment>

3 <https://www.ipcc.ch/site/assets/uploads/2019/08/Fullreport-1.pdf>

4 <https://www.ipcc.ch/report/ar6/wg2/resources/press/press-release/>