

WGP-24: Agenda point 7.b – Future Strategic Plan

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Thank you chair for giving me the floor.

I speak on behalf of the NGO Ecoropa and the ECO Forum.

We congratulate Albania for accepting the GMO amendment.

Now only one more ratification is needed for it to come into force.

The Strategic Plan wants to promote the Convention in decision-making in different sectors that affect the environment.

Without doubt: GMOs are one of these sectors.

But as citizens of 46 countries we are still waiting for the GMO Amendment to enter into force.

We are still waiting for the three objectives of the Convention to apply to GMOs the same way as it applies to any other environmental issue.

All of the nine countries that can make this happen are Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and thereby have already made a commitment to public participation in questions of biosafety.

We therefore call on the remaining parties to ratify the GMO amendment so that GMOs can find their rightful place in the Strategic Plan: in the Implementation of the Convention.