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## Open letter to the Court of Justice of the European Union

Appeal for continuation of the ban on bee threatening pesticides

Read in our open letter to the Court of Justice of the European Union about the shocking results that have been published after the two-year research period and how important it is for the judges and for every individual to assume responsibility and to show the pharmaceutical industry that in this world there is no room left for toxic pesticides.

In the year 2013 the European Commission prohibited the use of three pesticides based on the active component group of neonicotinoids (active agents: Imidacloprid, Clothianidin and Thiametoxam) for two years, because they were suspected of being extremely dangerous to bees and other useful insects. And, actually, they are.

The decision to ban neonicotinoids was motivated by wanting to gain time to investigate more closely the effects on nature in the two years to follow. The manufacturers of these pesticides, Syngenta Crop Protection AG, BASF Agro BV and Bayer CropScience AG are now filing suit against this decision, wanting to once again sell their products on the European market.

On June 22, 2015, the German Federal Agriculture Minister Christian Schmidt signed an emergency ordinance for the protection of the bees which prohibits the import and the spraying of these dangerous pesticides. This ordinance was a clear sign to maintain the neonicotinoid ban for all of Europe.

The Court's final decision on the requested re-admission of the aforementioned pesticides was already expected in the spring of this year. Yet the Court of Justice is under enormous

political and economic pressure because the pharmaceutical industry lobby is active at all levels and publishes self-financed studies trivializing the dangers of pesticides. In addition, more than 1600 pages of opinions were submitted which have to be answered.

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If you would like to lobby for the protection of the bees we ask you to please sign this <u>petition</u> to the European Commission. Request that the EU commission renews the ban on the bee-killing pesticides and protects the bees in the future!

Furthermore, you can also write a letter to the European Court of Justice, the European Commission or the pesticide manufacturers yourself. You can find the addresses below. Let us encourage the judges and commissioners and let us awaken the pharmaceutical companies to the effects of their actions. Let us remind them of the law of cause and effect ... We will reap what we are sowing. Sow poison, you will reap death.

We of The World Foundation for Natural Science put our trust and our hope in the Court of Justice of the European Union and the European Commission to curb these ruthless chemical companies.

We thank you for your invaluable support!

Please read also our <u>Fact Sheet</u> "The worldwide disappearance of the bees – Why their dying threatens our own survival"

Address of the Court of Justice of the European Union
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## Please refer to the following legal case numbers:

- Legal case T- 429/13 Lawsuit Bayer CropScience AG
- Legal case T- 451/13 Lawsuit Syngenta Crop Protection AG
- Legal case T- 584/13 Lawsuit BASF Agro BV

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