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Subject : Genetically modified organisms  
– placing on the market of maize line MON 863  
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1. On 24 April 2005, the Commission forwarded a proposal for a Council Decision aimed at authorising in the European Union, for 10 years, the placing on the market of transgenic maize MON 863, for the same uses as traditional maize, with the exception of cultivation and use as human food.
2. On 29 November 2004 the draft Decision was submitted for opinion to the Committee set up under Article 30 of Directive 2001/18/EC, in accordance with Article 5(2) of Decision 1999/468/EC (Committee procedure), but failed to obtain a sufficient majority for it to be adopted by the Commission.

It should be noted that the Commission had previously consulted the EFSA, which had concluded that MON 863 maize was unlikely to have an adverse effect on human and animal health or on the environment in the context of its proposed use.

3. On 9 June 2005, at a brief meeting to prepare discussions on this proposal within COREPER and subsequently the Environment Council, the Counsellors/Attachés responsible for the GMO dossiers indicated their current positions.

An indicative table of delegations' voting intentions is set out in the Annex.

It should, however, be noted that the PL delegation explicitly reserved its final position and that the PL/NL and DK delegations said they were maintaining parliamentary reservations.

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**Indicative vote of the Member States on 9 June 2005**  
**in relation to the placing on the market of MON 863 maize**  
(+ : vote in favour ; - : vote against ; 0 : abstention; \* : no final position yet)

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