

To those presently responsible for the Government of Brazil:

Scotland. Sept 28th 2003

Mr. President of Brazil Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva
Mr. Vice-President José Alencar
and Ministers of State,

Further to our e-mail of 25th Sept.

We respectfully refer you to the results of the UK consultation exercise, GM Nation. This is the largest consultation exercise on GM crops and foods carried out anywhere in the world.

The results clearly confirm that the UK market will not tolerate GM in food.

This, as we are sure you are aware, is the situation across Europe and Japan, and given the opportunity to choose, would be the case across North America.

As such your decision to allow GM Soya to be legally grown in Brazil, for however long, will only serve to undermine your formally respected and productive market position.

We are sure that you are also aware of China's position, in expanding massively its Soya production, all of which will be non-GM!

For the sake of the long term future of Brazilian agriculture, yours and others genuine food security, the environment, public health, and your own reputations, you must re-assess your position.

You are instigating a huge crisis on many levels.

Furthermore, it is incumbent on you to finalise adequate and wide-ranging legislation that bans the use of all GM crops in Brazil in the future, and introduces strict labelling and traceability laws to protect your consumers and your farmers (your population).

There is a huge amount of world-wide faith in your Government. Do not let yourselves and your supporters down. Stand up to the vested interests of GM Multinationals and US bullying, and protect and reward those who elected you, with keeping your promises on GM crops and foods.

The Munlochy GM Vigil represents 6500 consumers on the issue of GM crops and foods.

