



FOOD RIGHTS ALLIANCE

Dear Honorable Member of Parliament,

Re: The National Bio technology and Bio Safety Bill 2012

Reference is made to the above Bill as read on the floor of Parliament of the Republic of Uganda on Wednesday February 06, 2013.

ARE YOU AWARE?

- *That the objective of this Bill inter alia is to regulate the general release of Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOS)?*
- *That GM food has been increasingly rejected by Americans and Europeans?*
- *That there has been limited participation of key stakeholders (relevant Ministries such as Agriculture and health, farmers) in this process?*
- *That GM trials are already being conducted in this country?*
- *Of the implications of GMOS on your health and the health of the people you represent?*
- *Of the consequences of GMOS on farmers rights to save, share, access to seeds whenever needed to produce food for you and me?*

DO YOU KNOW?

- *That this Bill is weak in safeguarding the needs and rights of the people in Uganda?*
- *That this Bill is biased in favor of GMOs and does not have the necessary safeguards?*
- *That Consumers in developing countries are demanding for the labeling of all GMO products yet our Bill does not provide for that?*
- *Who is exactly pushing for this legislation, the ultimate beneficiaries and losers?*
- *That GMOs are NOT the ultimate solution to hunger and malnutrition as it has been evidenced worldwide?*

WHY SHOULD YOU CARE ANYWAY?

- *Genetic engineering/ GMOs have negative health effects on you, cropping systems, domestic animals and wild life.*
- *Preservation and conservation of biodiversity, indigenous knowledge, seed varieties and animal breeds is critical for sustaining the agricultural systems, food and nutrition security and future responsive research.*
- *It's your Duty, Responsibility and obligation to protect our rights, national food sovereignty, our health, environment, biodiversity, future research and human dignity for sustainability of this country.*

PLEASE OPEN UP DISCUSSION OF THIS BILL, WIDELY CONSULT KEY STAKEHOLDERS AND LET UGANDANS DECIDE.

See overleaf

PICTORIAL PRESENTATION



Genetically Engineered Hormone



Increased milk, cow can hardly, move hooves rot



Increased milk infected udder



Consumption of milk and milk products from such a cow cause obesity



Hoodia (herb from Namibia) used for making slimming pills

Brief: In quench for increasing productivity, this hormone was genetically engineered. For productivity it was a success. The cow's udder grew bigger and bigger due to increased amount of milk. Due to the weight of the udder, the cow could hardly move causing its hooves to rot. More still the udder got infected with Mastitis that necessitated use of antibiotics. The consumption of milk and milk products from such a cow is partly responsible for the size of those young boys known to be under eighteen years of age. Now solutions as sought from herbs such as Hoodia which is part of the rich biodiversity in Africa to make slimming pills. Then how much do we gain or lose from such processes?



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