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Petition to save the bees in Switzerland

Bees are very important to ecosystems and agriculture. Without their pollinating activity, the food chain of humans and many animal species is threatened. **35% of the world's food production depends on the activity of pollinating insects.**
At a time when bee populations are declining worldwide, it is urgent to take action to protect them. Today in Switzerland, several pesticides recognized as extremely toxic to bees are still authorized in conventional farming.

For a sustainable agriculture, respectful of bees and nature, Greenpeace demands:

- **that Switzerland declare, in accordance with the precautionary principle, a 10-year moratorium** on pesticides with a proven toxicity and risk to bees, in particular, fipronil and neonicotinoids (clothianidin, thiamethoxam, imidacloprid, and thiacloprid). The current international climate is favourable for the imposition of these bans: a few European countries including France, Germany, Italy and Slovenia have suspended temporarily or permanently withdrawn authorisations for certain neonicotinoid pesticides on specific seed treatments.
- **more transparent licensing** and calls on Switzerland to authorize independent organizations to study the long-term effects of pesticides on biodiversity in agriculture.

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Send the petition, even if incomplete, until Dec. 31/2012 to: ***Greenpeace Vaud, 2 avenue de St-Paul, 1004 Lausanne***
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