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Subject: Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 2001/18/EC as regards the possibility for the Member States to restrict or prohibit the cultivation of genetically modified organisms (GMOs) in their territory **(second reading)**
- Approval of the European Parliament's amendments **(LA + S)**
= Statement

Statement by the Commission

When proceeding with the authorisation of GMOs for cultivation, the Commission will, in full respect of its obligation, take account of all elements at its disposal, including the possibility for the Member States to restrict or prohibit the cultivation of GMOs in their territory provided for by this Directive.