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ACC CALLS UPON GLOBAL LEADERS TO TAKE ACTION AGAINST IARC OVER DELIBERATE MANIPULATION OF DATA

WASHINGTON (October 19, 2017) – [Cal Dooley, President and CEO of the American Chemistry Council \(ACC\)](#) issued the following statement on the [Reuters](#) investigation into the International Agency for Cancer Research's (IARC) controversial Monograph 112.

“Today’s [Reuters report](#) undermines IARC’s conclusions about glyphosate, but it also raises troubling new evidence that IARC has shown a lack of objectivity, credibility and integrity. The deliberate omission of critical evidence demonstrated by this news report should cause deep concern among all individuals and institutions who believe that dispassionate science should be the great truth-teller and equalizer in heated policy debates. In this case it appears that the science was truthful, but IARC was not.

“IARC’s rewriting of the glyphosate Monograph to remove conclusions that glyphosate did not cause cancer in animals is a serious violation of public trust. Considering earlier revelations that a major study exonerating glyphosate was withheld from the Monograph working group, there is ample evidence that the IARC’s classification of glyphosate is invalid. Any policy decisions that have been based on IARC’s glyphosate findings should be reexamined as they can no longer be justified.

“This incident also calls into question the credibility of other Monographs because it is unknown whether this was an isolated incident or evidence of a widespread practice. IARC’s refusal to discuss the allegations and its warning to Monograph participants that they should not comment on deliberations and editing related to the glyphosate Monograph creates further suspicion that IARC has something to hide.

“ACC and others have called for reform of IARC based on a persistent lack of transparency and widespread conflicts of interest within the Monographs program. These are important critiques of IARC policies and procedures that must be addressed. However today’s allegations of blatant manipulation of information and disregard for clear scientific evidence supports the urgent need for a full investigation by an unaffiliated third party. Ultimately, the leadership and staff of IARC must be held accountable.

“I urge all countries and organizations that provide funding to IARC to join me in the call to investigate the Monographs program and to implement reforms.”

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