



**Stichting/Foundation Monsanto Tribunal**

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Mr Hugh Grant  
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The Hague, June 6th, 2016

Dear Mr Grant,

As you are aware, the Foundation Stichting Monsanto Tribunal was created in order to establish the International Monsanto Tribunal, an initiative of civil society groups that intends to allow for an open deliberation on the company's policies and their impacts.

The Foundation intends to convene the Tribunal in The Hague between 14 and 16 October 2016.

The Tribunal shall be asked to deliver an Advisory Opinion addressing six questions: the terms of reference, which identify these questions, are attached to this letter.

The result of an initiative of global civil society, the Tribunal is of course of symbolic value: it shall have no investigative powers; and its opinion is of a purely advisory nature. However, the members of the Tribunal shall deliver an opinion based exclusively on legal considerations, grounded in international human rights law and international humanitarian law; and they shall act in complete independence.

The Tribunal will be adopting its views on the basis of the principles described in Chapter IV of the Statute of the International Court of Justice, which describes the competence of the Court to deliver advisory opinions. It may also seek inspiration from Title IV of the Rules of the International Court of Justice, as regards procedural matters.

The Tribunal shall be presented with a number of written observations concerning the questions it has been submitted: teams of lawyers are already preparing these briefs. During the hearing, it shall hear testimonies from victims of Monsanto's conduct, as well as legal opinions presented by experts tasked with informing the Court about the legal issues involved in the questions it is presented.

The Foundation Stichting Monsanto Tribunal believes it to be of the highest importance that Monsanto itself is given ample opportunity to present its views to the Tribunal, in order to ensure that the Tribunal is fully informed and equipped to provide an assessment that is based on the fullest range of information possible.

We share this view.

We would therefore strongly encourage Monsanto to submit a written brief to the Tribunal, before the deadline of October 1st, 2016.

Moreover, Monsanto is invited to be represented at the hearings that the Tribunal shall hold on 15 and 16 October 2016 in The Hague. Please let us know by October 1st if you would like to make use of this opportunity.

Of course, we remain at your disposal to provide you with any further information you may require on the nature of this initiative and the conditions under which the Tribunal shall be operating.

We look forward to your answer.

Sincerely,

Françoise Tulkens, former vice-president of the European Court of Human Rights



Dior Fall Sow, former Advocate General of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda



Annex: Terms of reference of the International Monsanto Tribunal