

## GMO activists stage protest outside Greenpeace's Brussels office

GMO activists launched a campaign to get EU approval for genetically engineered crops, staging a protest outside the Brussels office of environmental group Greenpeace on January 23.

The protesters gathered outside the Greenpeace offices in the heart of Brussels' political center at 11 a.m. and held up banners describing the environmental group's position against GM crops as a "crime against humanity".

The protest was led by Patrick Moore, one of the founding members of Greenpeace. Moore argues that the potential for GM crops such as 'Golden Rice', a vitamin A enriched form of the dietary staple, could prevent millions of deaths as well as blindness from malnutrition in the developing world.

Moore is a controversial figure among some environmental circles. He left Greenpeace 28 years ago though he still refers to his ties with the organisation in speeches about the benefits of GM crops. Moore has denied that humanity has played a large role in climate change and has advocated the logging of tropical rainforests.

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