

Mexican president says ‘no glyphosate ban until scientists come up with safer alternative’

President Andrés Manuel López Obrador said [December 1] that the use of glyphosate in agribusiness will not be prohibited in Mexico without the National Council of Science and Technology (Conacyt) first giving another herbicide option, even though a presidential decree establishes its total elimination by January 31, 2024.

The statement of the federal president was given when he was questioned in the morning conference about the decision of the Senate of the Republic to postpone the discussion to ban the herbicide.

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“About glyphosate, we don’t want it to be prohibited [because] there is [no] alternative, because those who defend glyphosate maintain that there is still nothing in the world that can replace it, [and] of course that it is not harmful... It is known, and what you maintain is true, that it harms health, that is known, but there is no way to replace it when we are talking about food production,” he said.

[Editor’s note: This article has been translated from Spanish and edited for clarity.]

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