



## Newsletter about Pesticides

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### Legislative and regulatory news



#### **Colombia: End of aerial spraying of glyphosate on illicit crops**

In accordance with the [decision](#) of the Colombian Constitutional Court, the director of the Colombian National Police, Henry Sanabria Cely, ordered on [August 23](#), the immediate suspension of aerial spraying of glyphosate to eradicate illicit coca crops.

The chemical eradication of illicit crops, started between 1978 and 1982, under the government of Turbay Ayala, had been abandoned after the recognition in [2015](#) of the carcinogenic risks of glyphosate, before being reauthorized in 2021 by the former president of the Republic Iván Duque. The new president, Gustavo Petro, who took office in August, announced at [the 77th United Nations General Assembly](#) that he wanted to end the "irrational war on drugs that is destroying Colombia from a health and environmental point of view", specifically pointing to glyphosate.

The [death](#) of Sergeant Gilberto Ávila reminds us of the seriousness of this practice. Suffering from Parkinson's disease as a result of years of exposure to

glyphosate spraying on the coca fields he was monitoring, he was euthanized on September 26.

President Gustavo Petro, former mayor of Bogotá, and his new government intend to change things, and this initiative is hopefully only a beginning, which we greatly welcome.

*If you have made it this far, can you make one more small effort to allow us to continue this work of investigation and information to help the victims of pesticides?*

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