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**ETUC AND OTHER SKAKEHOLDERS
EXPRESS DEEP CONCERNS WITH
THE COMMISSION'S SECOND
REGULATORY REVIEW**

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**European Trade Union Confederation [ETUC]
Confédération européenne des syndicats [CES]**

Today, the ETUC joined with the EEB, CIEL, ClientEarth, WECF, BEUC, ECOS, BUND,

FOE Europe and the ANEC to send a clear message to the Commission in response to the Commission's second review on nanotechnology published last week. Collectively the signatory organisations have raised significant concerns about the quality of the review, the need to ensure the precautionary principle, as well as worker health and safety.

Unsound science provided the basis for the Commission's review of nanomaterial and there are serious inconsistencies between the Commission's working document, which presents the Commission's analysis of the situation, and the regulatory responses that address the safe production and use of nanomaterials.

Existing information gathering schemes are inadequate and the Commission's regulatory review has completely ignored loopholes that undermine the capabilities of REACH, the flagship European Regulation for chemicals management to be an effective tool for collecting information and regulating nanomaterials.

Link to the joint letter:

http://www.etuc.org/IMG/pdf/Nanomaterials_joint_letter_23_10_2012_ETUC.pdf

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