



## THE JASNA GÓRA DECLARATION FOR GMO FREE POLAND AND EUROPE

We, the participants of the prayer meeting, which occurred in the Sanctuary of Our Lady in Częstochowa during the conference entitled "**GMO Free Poland: Ethical Aspects of Attempts to Introduce GMOs into Polish Agriculture**" join in strong solidarity with the GMO Free Poland Coalition "POLSKA WOLNA OD GMO" and other Polish and international institutions, and millions of EU citizens who want a GMO-free Poland and Europe. **We are calling on the government of the Republic of Poland, the governments of the other EU countries and the European Commission to respect the voice of the majority of their constituencies, who favor stopping the import and sale of all GMOs, as well as immediate enforcement of the ban on cultivation of genetically-modified plants and seeds.**

To achieve this goal we **demand the enforcement of the 10-year MORATORIUM on cultivation of all types of genetically-modified plants in the open environment of Europe, as well as a ban on the import and marketing of GMO products.** This 10-year period should be devoted to laboratory research that would determine the absolute safety of GMOs. The inability to scientifically prove the absolute safety of GMOs in the first five years of the moratorium would necessitate that the remaining part of the moratorium period be used to eliminate the effects of biological contamination caused by transgenic organisms previously released into the environment. Then the moratorium should be extended indefinitely as well.

At the same time, we demand that funds be provided for research and development connected with traditional and ecological agriculture, which would guarantee the maintenance of biodiversity and fertile soil, and ensuring animal welfare and citizens' health.

**Jasna Góra, April 24, 2008**

Participants of the conference "**GMO Free Poland: Ethical Aspects of Attempts to Introduce GMOs into Polish Agriculture**" organized by the GMO-FREE POLAND COALITION

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