CropLife International Encourages Further Progress on Trade as U.S.-China 100-Day Action Plan Ends

*Industry Applauds Initial Progress and Looks Forward to More Clarity on China’s Import Approvals of Biotech Products*

Brussels — 18 July 2017 — CropLife International’s Howard Minigh, president and chief executive officer, released the following statement in response to the conclusion of the 100-Day Action Plan of the U.S.-China Comprehensive Economic Dialogue:

*“The plant biotechnology industry recognizes the progress made in advancing the 100-Day Action Plan and China granting import approvals of four biotech products.*

*“Despite this progress, our industry still believes that work remains to complete the approvals of the remaining four biotech products that have been in the regulatory review process for an average of five years, as well as further communicating a transparent and well-defined approvals process and timeline. Smooth global trade transactions and food and nutrition security can only be assured by predictable, science-based and timely approval processes. CropLife International, CropLife China, and BIO look forward to learning how the U.S. and Chinese governments will fulfil the goals of the 100-Day Action Plan and how our industry can continue to support additional progress.”*

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