

# FEDERATION OF GREEK BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATIONS

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**To:** the President of the European Parliament  
**Cc:** 1. Greek Members of the European Parliament via their political parties  
2. European Professional Beekeepers Association  
3. the COPA – COGECA Praesidium  
4. Apimondia  
5. Apislavia

Dear Mr. President of the European Parliament

The Federation of Greek Beekeepers' Associations wishes to thank the members of European Parliament for the B6-0579/2008 **resolution** on the situation in the beekeeping sector.

Congratulations on the thorough description of the dangers that threaten both the honey bee and the beekeeping sector and on the deep understanding of the consequences that are expected if the populations of bees continue decreasing at this pace.

Congratulations on the steps of action that you propose to the Commission, which more than meets the demands of the beekeeping sector.

The only omission that we were able to detect, concerns the possible danger from the culture of genetically modified organisms, danger that affects the health both of the honey bee and of the consumers.

Finally, we would like to urge you to see, with the responsibility and consistency that characterises all the MPs, that the proposals which are included in this resolution are immediately materialised, by the Commission and by the member states, so that the hope you gave us becomes a true foundation for the preservation and the prosperity of the honey bee and the beekeeping sector.

Yours faithfully

***The President of the A.C.***

***Achilleas Papastergiou***