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MOP3 - PRRI STATEMENT ON ASSESSEMENT AND REVIEW OF THE PROTOCOL

Thank you Mr. Chairman,

I speak on behalf of the Foundation for Public Research and Regulation.

Mr. Chairman, with regard to assessment and review of the Protocol we agree in general with the statement that there is currently not enough experience with the actual functioning of the Protocol to start a detailed discussion on revising the Protocol.

However, it is important to start shaping the parameters of the assessment process, and we believe that it is crucial that an assessment be made of the impacts of the different ways of implementing the Protocol on public research and its applications.

Once the process of review has started, we submit to you that the Protocol needs special provisions for confined field trials, because currently under the Protocol, the transboundary movement of an LMO for the purpose of a small scale confined research trial has to undergo the same lengthy procedure for placing LMOs on the market.

Thank you very much for your attention