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MOP3 - PRRI STATEMENT ON THE BCH

Thank you Mr. Chairman,

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

Mr. Chairman, we believe that the BCH is of crucial importance because it is the entry point for public researchers if they need to know which procedures apply and whom to approach in a certain country.

However, it is unfortunate that many Parties have not yet complied with their obligation to place relevant information on the BCH, including declarations whether their national domestic frameworks apply instead of the procedures of the protocol. This lack of information is a serious hindrance to public research.

We wish to emphasize that placing such information on the BCH is not onerous but rather requires a Government official to spend a couple of hours at a computer.

We urge all Governments to help public researchers in their work by placing the relevant information on the BCH.

Thank you very much for your attention