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## **MOP 3 – PRRI Statement on Capacity Building - Self sustainability**

Thank you Mr. Chairman.

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

With respect to paragraph 9, Mr. Chairman, we need to have a clear explanation of “long-term perspective in the design and implementation of biosafety capacity building initiatives”.

For capacity building for biosafety to be sustainable it must be embedded internally in established educational and training institutions.

Mr. Chairman, external capacity building is not necessarily long term. Donor support therefore needs to be re-channeled increasingly to develop the capacities of internal educational and training institutions, especially in developing countries, in order to achieve self-sustainability in human and physical infrastructure for biosafety.

We therefore propose an addition to paragraph 9 after the words “long-term” which reads: “and self-sustainable”.

In addition, to paragraph 11 we propose to delete the word “strengthen” and in its place should read: “achieve self-sustainability in” and after “human” should read “and material”.

So, to read: “to adopt, as appropriate, the following measures in order to achieve self-sustainability in human and material resources for the effective implementation of the protocol.”

Thank you.