



**PRRI Statement on Gene Drives**

Thank you Chair,

As regards the call by some for a ban on research and use of gene-drives, we make the following observation.

A blanket ban on a technology that is established without scientific justification, constitutes irresponsible governance.

Blanket bans disregard the potential benefits of the technology and - in the case of gene drives - a blanket ban disregards the fact that gene drives occur in nature without human intervention.

Thank you Chair