



PRRI statement on review of the effectiveness of the Cartagena Protocol

Thank you Madam Chair ,

I speak on behalf of PRRI, a world-wide organisation of public sector researchers involved in developing modern biotechnology for the common good.

I am a Mexican biotechnology student and I am proud to be here with a large international group of students, the next generation of scientists who want to help solve the challenges of tomorrow.

In this context, we invite the honorable delegates to speak with us about science and ongoing research. As the PRRI delegation, we speak more than 20 languages, and represent long expertise and experience from many fields.

We, the younger generation of biotechnology scientists, are pleased that Article 16 of the Convention recognises that transfer of biotechnology is essential to the goals of the Convention, and that article 19 instructs that the Parties shall engage in biotechnology transfer.

Madame Chair, the Biosafety Protocol can help achieve that goal, because it offers countries that do not yet have biosafety regulations in place a mechanism for informed decision making on LMOs.

Regarding the effectiveness of the Cartagena Protocol, Madame Chair, we propose that in addition to counting how many countries have made rules and reports, the MOP should also assess how many countries that do not yet have regulations, have used the Protocol to make decisions on import of LMOs that may benefit them.

Muchas Gracias Sra Presidente.