

Thank you Mr Co-chair,

I speak on behalf of the Public Research and Regulation Initiative, PRRI, which is a world-wide organisation of public sector scientists involved in research on biotechnology for the common good.

Mr. Co-Chair, PRRI very much agrees with the statements by Parties that the Post2020 targets and indicators should be science-based. In the same spirit we believe that also the proposed tools and solutions should be science based.

In that respect we have a concern about Target 16 of the Post2020 GBF, which is under the section “Tools and solutions for implementation and mainstreaming”.

As the Convention recognises in article 16, access to and transfer of biotechnologies are essential to the objectives of the Convention. As public sector scientists we know that the experience and knowledge accumulated since 1992 shows that this statement in article 16 is very pertinent, today even more so than in 1992. We therefore urge the Parties to include access to and transfer of biotechnologies in the Post202 GBF.

Further, we urge that the current content of Target 16 be made consistent with the Cartagena Protocol.

Thank you, Mr Co-Chair”