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Thank you, Chair.

I speak on behalf of the Public Research and Regulation Initiative, PRRI.

While creating additional guidance materials can be useful, producing more documents does not necessarily improve biosafety or strengthen risk assessments. Excessive or overlapping guidance can create confusion, dilute focus, and place additional demands on limited technical and financial resources.

A more effective and tailored approach would be to address real, demonstrable gaps in countries' capacity to apply Annex III and to make practical use of the guidance materials already developed. Targeted hands-on training, exchange of experiences, and better sharing of information through the Biosafety Clearing-House, together with fuller use of relevant existing materials, can provide more tangible and lasting benefits. Even with additional guidance, practical experience and iterative learning remain essential to effective biosafety.