

Cornell Alliance for Science statement on risk assessment and management

Madam Chair,

I speak on behalf of Cornell University's Alliance for Science.

Risk assessment and risk management are at the core of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety. The Agreement has produced experience and encouraged capacity building for the last 15 years by establishing general principles for a case-by-case approach and a scientifically sound and transparent methodology.

We believe that existing products created through new biotechnological tools do not pose special challenges that cannot be addressed by current guidelines within annex III of the Protocol or guidelines that have been created by other international scientific bodies and other non-governmental and intergovernmental organizations.

We encourage all parties to review and receive experiences from countries that have implemented annex III of the Biosafety Protocol or other guidelines so we can use existing practical guidance and optimize resources to address new biotechnological innovations.

Thank you.