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Re: Peer review of the independent scientific study on synthetic biology

Ref.: Notification 2026-032 (SCBD/CPU/WM/AMC/MW/92712) Decision 16/21, para 9(b)

Dear Madam,

As Head of Organization, I herewith endorse the attached peer review submission by Guy Reeves (Save Our Seeds, Germany) on the draft independent scientific study on synthetic biology, as requested in notification 2026-032.

The submission provides peer review comments on the file "independent-scientific-study-synbio.pdf" using the template provided by the Secretariat. The comments address the systematic literature review, patent analysis, and stakeholder survey components of the draft study, with particular reference to the study's alignment with the scope mandated by Decision 16/21, paragraph 9(b).

Save Our Seeds is a programme of the Zukunftsstiftung Landwirtschaft (Future Farming Foundation), a non-profit organisation based in Berlin, Germany. We work on biosafety, agricultural biodiversity, and the governance of emerging biotechnologies, including synthetic biology, within European and international policy frameworks.

The peer review comments are submitted through the Biosafety Clearing-House as requested.

With kind regards,



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