

April 07, 2026

ATTN: Ms. Astrid Schomaker

Executive Secretary, Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity

413 St. Jacques Street West, Suite 800, Montreal, Quebec H2Y 1N9, Canada

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

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in a peer review of the independent scientific study on synthetic biology commissioned by the Executive Secretary (ref: SCBD/CPU/WM/AMC/MW/92712).

The Institute on Ethics & Policy for Innovation (IEPI) is a research institute based in the Faculty of Humanities at McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario. IEPI is focused on identifying and addressing ethical challenges and policy gaps for scientific innovations that have the potential for life-saving impact in global health.

IEPI wishes to submit a peer review on behalf of the **Outreach Network for Gene Drive Research**, of which we are a member.

We trust that the review provided will contribute to ongoing discussions and support further work related to the independent scientific study.

Please do not hesitate to reach out if further details are needed.

Sincerely,



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President and Vice-Chancellor