**template for comments on THE draft report of discussions OF the Online Forum on Risk Assessment and Risk Management**

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| **Paragraph ID #** | **Suggested change1** | **Explanation** |
| 43 | Add the following text at the end of paragraph 43: “However, there were also comments that suggested a need for guidance on LM animals and on how to ensure that risk assessment is carried out in a scientifically sound and transparent manner. One submitter supported specific guidance in general, based on needs from the Parties. Moreover, see section 3 for additional specific needs for guidance.” | See submissions 8862, 8869, 8871, 8901, 8968. I fully understand that the summary is based on our 3 topics and under which of them they were given. However, here I think it would be fair to refer to section 3 to give a broader picture. I hope that you share my sentiments. |
| 44 | Add the following text at the end of the paragraph 44: “See also section 3 for this topic”. | Again, I see that you refer to the discussion under topic 3 but in order to make it crystal clear, I would advise the reader to look at section 3. Maybe even refer to specific paragraphs 57-61?  |
| Title of paragraph 62 | Change the title to: “Perceived gaps on specific classes of organisms, techniques and RA approaches” | Change the title; see the two additions (14 and 15) below. |
| 62 | Add at the end of the list:14. Guidance on how to perform a “per se” risk assessment (e.g. where a comparator is not available)15. Guidance on how to implement the concept of “limits of concern” in LMO risk assessment | See submissions 8877, 8918, 8969 |
| Title of paragraph 81 | Change the title to: Perceived gaps in RA currently | I do not agree that we could here say that “No perceived gaps …”. See my next addition. |
| 81 | Change the second sentence to: “Two submitters noted that at this stage no identification of specific topics in need of further guidance has taken place at the European Union level.Add at the end of the paragraph (after the second sentence): “However, as can be seen from the submissions to the forum, some EU Member States have identified specific needs in their national submissions”.  | This reflects better the situation in the EU. For sentence 2, see the wording in submission 8874. |
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1 Proposals to add, move or delete text in the draft document may be accompanied by a brief explanation.