

Dear Secretariat,

First of all, we would like to thank the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity to be given the opportunity to submit views and comments on the « Elements of a Framework for Conceptual Clarity on Socio-Economic Considerations » contained in the annex to the report of the first meeting of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on socio-economic considerations. About the notification number 2015-007, regarding to decision BS-VII/13, on socio-economic considerations, adopted by the COP-MOP7, **we have some comments on the “Elements of a Framework for Conceptual Clarity on Socio-Economic Considerations”:**

Concerning *point 6*, we would like to call your attention on what kind of issues we are considering when we take into account human health related issues, because we have to bear in mind that risk assessment process includes human health issues.

Talking about *point 7*, we would like to discuss why do we have to use that kind of *precautionary principle* when it has already been covered with the risk assessment process.

Finally, we are concerned about the "*Methodological considerations*" that contain the issues about "cultural / traditional / religious / ethical" methodologies, because we believe they are under individual decision right. For instance, the first two (Cultural / traditional) could be an obstacle for innovation. The next two (religious / ethical) should not depend on the tool type considered, but how these tools are used by each farmer.

Thank you very much

Kind regards,

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