**Marja’s comments 12-13 April, 2015**

**Included into Fran’s comments (red text)**

**PRIORITIZED TOPICS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF FURTHER GUIDANCE**

*(Excerpt from report of the AHTEG meeting in Bonn, Bonn, 2-6 June 2014)*

1. The AHTEG then prioritized topics for the development of further guidance on the basis of the priorities and needs indicated by the Parties with the view of moving towards achieving the operational objectives 1.3 and 1.4 of the Strategic Plan and its outcomes, as follows:[[1]](#footnote-1)
2. Risk assessment of living modified organisms introduced in centres of origin and genetic diversity; Yes in the Roadmap – I agree
3. Risk assessment of living modified microorganisms and viruses;
4. Risk assessment of living modified fish….emphasis on things that move

It is difficult to think that these two issues would not need some kind of specific guidance. However, some general issues might be included into the Roadmap

1. In addition to the three prioritized topics above, the AHTEG also identified the following list of topics for future consideration, if and when appropriate:[[2]](#footnote-2)
2. Risk assessment of living modified animals;
3. Risk assessment of LM insects;
4. Risk assessment of living modified organisms created through use of dsRNA techniques, engineered to produce dsRNA or exposed to dsRNA; Yes in the Roadmap – I agree
5. Risk assessment of living modified organisms containing RNAi; Yes in the roadmap – I agree
6. Risk assessment of living modified organisms produced through cisgenetics; Yes in the roadmap – I agree
7. Risk assessment of living modified organisms that produce pharmaceutical and industrial products; yes in the roadmap – I agree
8. Risk assessment of nutritionally altered living modified plant; In the Roadmap
9. Risk assessment of living modified organisms produced through synthetic biology; yes in the roadmap – yes, when using SynBio results into an LMO
10. Risk assessment and management of LMOs intended for introduction into unmanaged ecosystems; yes in the roadmap – I agree
11. Co-existence between LMOs and non-LMOs in the context of small scale farming;
12. Guidance on integrating human health into the environmental risk assessment; yes in the roadmap – I agree
13. Guidance on health impacts of LMOs and herbicides that are part of the technology package that accompanies them; I have no clear view on this at this point
14. Guidance on the synergistic impacts of different herbicides that are part of the technology package that accompanies certain LMOs. Possibly into the Roadmap?

1. The topics listed are not ranked in any particular order. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. The topics listed are not ranked in any particular order and include topics that were originally in documents UNEP/CBD/BS/AHTEG-RA&RM/5/1/Add.1 and UNEP/CBD/BS/AHTEG-RA&RM/5/5, noting that some topics were removed from the original lists as they are already being addressed by other fora under the Protocol. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)