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Dear Mr. Braulio Ferreira de Souza Dias:

Thank you for the invitation to review the report of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Synthetic Biology (Notification No.2015-139 and 2016-008 / Ref.: SCBD/BS/CG/MPM/DA/85140).

Please find enclosed comments from individual expert officials from Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, Environment and Climate Change Canada, Global Affairs Canada, and Health Canada.

The comments are technical in nature and I trust will improve the strength of the report.

Sincerely,

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On behalf of
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