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To:

ESA Association Members

ESA Individual Members

Dear Members,

As already announced earlier this year the European Commission has started the evaluation of the Community Plant Variety Rights system (the basic Regulation (EC) No. 2100/94 and its implementing measures). In the beginning of the summer an external evaluator, GHK Consulting, a London based consultancy, has been selected by the Commission to conduct the external evaluation of the regime. This external evaluation has been launched very recently. Key stakeholders, including ESA, have been directly contacted by the evaluator. However, it is understood that individual companies will not be directly approached but are expected to **express** their interest to participate in this evaluation by **registering** at the following website set up by the evaluator: www.cpvri.info

Once such a registration is made the evaluator will provide the registrants with the evaluation questionnaire where individual input can be provided. We suggest that all ESA members register their interest and fill in the questionnaire.

The consultation period is of six weeks with the final deadline for the submission of inputs is October 15, 2010.

ESA work plan:

As we have done it with previous evaluations we again propose you an ESA work plan to assist you in filling out the survey and to coordinate our actions.

The ESA CIPR and the Secretariat have in the meantime started to work on a draft ESA answer to the questionnaire. A first draft answer elaborated by the ESA CIPR is expected to be ready by the end of September and will be sent to you – in order to help your individual inputs – on September 28, 2010.

On the basis of any further reactions which might be received on that first draft a final ESA answer will be prepared and will be sent to you on October 5, 2010 at the latest. We recommend that you make use of the ESA answers in your individual inputs as you feel appropriate.

Should you have any questions in the meantime please don't hesitate to contact me.

Best regards,

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