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Deputy Director General for Food Safety

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Dear Dr Url,

**Subject: Request for an EFSA opinion on genetically modified organisms engineered with gene drives (gene drive modified organisms) and their implications for risk assessment methodologies**

Please find herewith the background and terms of reference for a request to EFSA for an opinion on genetically modified organisms engineered with gene drives (gene drive modified organisms) and their implications for risk assessment methodologies.

My services remain at your disposal for further information. On this matter, you can contact Ms Ilaria Ciabatti and Mr Frank Swartenbroux, who are responsible for this dossier with regard to scientific aspects and Mr Luis Vivas-Alegre, who is the relevant contact point in the unit in charge of Science, Stakeholders, Enforcement. Their respective phone and e-mail addresses are indicated below.

We would appreciate having the final opinion adopted by March 2020.

Yours sincerely,

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Enclosures: Mandate for an EFSA opinion on genetically modified organisms engineered with gene drives (gene drive modified organisms) and their implications for risk assessment methodologies.

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