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Dear collegues,

USTR has invitec ınd me for a meeting with the American Seed Trade Association and the European Seed Association this Friday. They have elaborated a joint TTIP paper which you probably know, if not pls find it attached, and which will be presented at this meeting.

According to the paper, both Seed Associations focus on three priority issues for TTIP: phytosanitary issues and the role the bilateral plant health working group can play in this respect, new plant breeding techniques (both see no specific need for regulation) and the presence of GMOs in conventional seed.

and I will attend this meeting. We would be grateful to get a line to take, otherwise we will just take note and report.

Nevertheless, I have some preliminary questions:

1) I am aware that the EP has just rejected the new COM proposal on Plant Reproductive Material due to the number of delegated and implementing acts. Does this proposal cover new plant breeding techniques? Or are they currently somehow regulated in the EU already?

Thank you very much in advance!

Best regards