
Recommendations

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FOURTH MEETING

14 September 2018, Bishkek

GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISMS "EFFECTS OF SPREAD OF GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISMS"

The Parliamentary Assembly:

Considering an important role of GMOs and products containing GMO in solving the world food problem;

Taking into consideration concerns over the negative impact of GMO products on human health, biodiversity and environment;

Mentioning the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) which adopted the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety regulating the transboundary movement of GMOs;

Supporting workshops, seminars, forums and other types of events holding in TURKPA member countries on the GMO;

Mentioning the important role of the Legislation and Implementation Workshop on Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs) held by TURKPA on 16-18 April 2018 in Istanbul with the support of the Grand National Assembly of Turkey (GNAT);

Being aware of the fact that there is a need for cooperation among TURKPA member countries in order to control cultivation, production, import and sale of products containing GMOs,

Came to an agreement in the following issues:

- a) *to recognize* biotechnology as an integral component of agricultural development strategy;
- b) *to strengthen and coordinate* the efforts on biodiversity and biosecurity;
- c) *to adopt* robust, science-based and transparent biosafety regulatory systems;

- d) *to simplify* regulatory norms for GM events of established environment and human safety;
- e) *to align* biosafety related policies under different national competent authorities wherever needed;
- f) *to generate* research data on biosafety related issues, particularly of local relevance, e.g. impact on biodiversity;
- g) Include agriculture and biotechnology oriented courses in school syllabi and develop appropriate educational tools
- h) Train scientists not just in the field of biotechnology but also in related sciences and communication skills
- i) Develop success stories, status reports and web-based information systems on developments in biotechnology and biosafety
- j) Organize dialogues between scientists, chief security officer (CSOs), farmers' organizations and consumer groups
- k) Cooperate and harmonize at regional/ sub-regional level GMO risk assessment and risk management protocols
- l) Establish regional/ sub-regional information centers on developments in biotechnology, biosafety and intellectual property issues
- m) Strengthen some existing national institutions to serve as regional hubs for sustained capacity development
- n) *to take efforts* aimed at expanding efficient regional and bilateral cooperation among member countries on the matter;
- o) *to identify* priorities of cooperation among the TURKPA member countries in the field of GMO.