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Thank you Madam Chair

We support the recommendation of the Compliance Committee to initiate an evaluation of the effectiveness of the Protocol and the development of indicators. However, such an analysis should also include recommendations on improvements where necessary. In this respect, it will be crucial to distinguish recommendations that are voluntary from binding aspects that require amending the protocol. In many cases, only development via binding agreements will guarantee harmonized data flows – a central aspect of PRTR-data quality.