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"Draft Elements of the Work Programme for 2018-2021" (item 8) - in particular Annex III outlining a draft budget

We welcome the introduction of the thematic sessions during the WGM covering various issues relating to the 3 pillars of the Convention and GMOs, however, we are concerned about the decrease of Task Force Meetings in general – if the 4 years inter-sessional period is going to be introduced, we would strongly recommend to have at least one more TF meeting for each TF – in total 3 in 4 years – that would increase the total yearly budget only by 30000 US Dollars.