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Hi Ben—

I am working on a response that will include what the Cartagena Protocol does (and does not) cover.

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Hi all,

You may wish to address the below comment which was posted today in the CBD forum:

- Rainer Breitling, University of Manchester: <https://bch.cbd.int/synbio/open-ended/discussion/?threadid=8598#8669>
 - It seems to suggest that gene drive LMOs introduced into the wild could lead to the propagation of their genetic material throughout an entire species, rather than a localized population or specifically targeted sub-species. This has problematic implications for risk assessment, and the adequacy of extant frameworks for managing risk, transboundary movement, and access and benefit sharing.
 - It may be good for those with the requisite expertise to intervene briefly on how and why the spread of gene drives would not be uncontrolled.
 - It may also be good if someone with applicable regulatory experience could also comment on what CBD provisions are relevant to the hypothetical examples outlined in Mr. Breitling's comments.

Would any of you be in a position to address these issues?

Regards,

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