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Ambassador John McNee
Permanent Mission of Canada to the United Nations
One Dag Hammarskjöld Plaza
885 Second Avenue, 14th Floor
New York, NY 10017

Re: Daegu Protocols at icibi2007

Your Excellency:

The rapid pace of development of products of biotechnology for use in crop protection and to control pests and disease has outpaced government regulatory activity. A recent Workshop on Communication with the regulatory community held in Washington DC, 7-9 November 2006 concluded that guidelines must be established.

We propose to call these guidelines "Daegu Protocols" after the city in Korea that will host the International Congress of Insect Biotechnology and Industry (ICIBI) 19-24 August 2007 where advances in biotechnology will be presented. We cordially invite Canada to participate in the drafting of these protocols for formal presentation to the Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon at the end of the Daegu meeting.

Although we have made a few informal contacts with potential participants, we now formally request that you nominate representatives so that the organizers of the Korean meeting can send formal letters of invitation.

The Daegu Protocols are posted in outline form now at: <http://biopesticide.ucr.edu>. Rewrites of and comments on the Daegu Protocols will be posted at this site also.

ICIBI2007 is posted at the website: www.icibi2007.com

The Enhancing Regulatory Communication Workshop web site address: www.biopesticide.edu

For replies and further information please contact Dr. Thomas Miller at (951) 827-2278, fax (951) 827-3086 or email Thomas.miller@ucr.edu.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "TAMiller".

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