

**NON-PAPER**

**CONTACT GROUP ON SYNTHETIC BIOLOGY**

[3. *Agrees* that regular horizon scanning, monitoring and assessing of technological developments in the field of synthetic biology is needed for reviewing new information regarding the potential positive and potential negative impacts of synthetic biology vis-à-vis the three objectives of the Convention and those of its Protocols;]

[3 *alt Agrees* that regular horizon scanning, monitoring and assessing of developments, including those that may result from genome editing, is needed for reviewing new information regarding the potential positive and potential negative impacts of synthetic biology vis-à-vis the three objectives of the Convention and those of its Protocols;]

*Annex*

**TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE AD HOC TECHNICAL EXPERT GROUP  
ON SYNTHETIC BIOLOGY**

The Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Synthetic Biology shall:

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(f) Recommend a process for carrying out the regular horizon scanning, monitoring and assessing of developments referred to in paragraph 3 above, taking into account budgetary implications;

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