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Follow-up to the Meeting EPO - No Patents on Seeds

Dear Mr Then,

I would like to thank you for your message. I also very much appreciated our constructive discussions during our last meeting and I still believe that it is important for the European Patent Office to take into consideration all the opinions expressed on the patentability of plants, especially following the recent opinion G3/19 of the Enlarged Board of Appeal.

I would be delighted to continue our fruitful discussions on the patentable subject matter relating to plants, namely the definition of essentially biological processes, the patentability of cells and the scope of protection of plant-related inventions.

I would therefore propose to have another meeting via videoconference on 4 December 2020 at 10:00 and I look forward to meeting you again then.

Yours sincerely,



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