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From: NBT Secretariat [<mailto:info@nbtplatform.org>]
Sent: Wednesday, February 03, 2016 7:41 PM
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Cc: [REDACTED] (CAB-KATAINEN); [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]
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Dear [REDACTED],

I am writing to you on behalf of the Chairman of the New Plant Breeding techniques (NBT) Platform, [REDACTED] with regard to the expected publication of the EU guidance document aiming at clarifying the legal status of NBTs.

We would like to use the opportunity of the European Commission inter-services consultation **to ask your availability to meet with you and discuss the implications of this guidance document for EU agri-food actors and for companies involved in Research & Development activities in this sector:** for that purpose, you will find attached the letter signed by [REDACTED]

The NBT Platform pleads for the rapid publication of this document. We also fear that the possible classification of NBTs under the EU GMO legislation would have a negative impact on jobs, R&D and economic growth in the EU, in case the companies active in these sectors are forced to abandon all activities, due to higher regulatory costs required for authorisation purposes.

We would be glad to present the abovementioned arguments, which are also outlined in the 'information fact sheet' accompanying this letter.

We thank you in advance for the attention you may give to this demand and remain at your disposal should you have questions concerning this request.

Best regards,

On behalf of [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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The NBT Platform is a coalition of SMEs, large industry and prominent academic and research institutes which strives to bring clarity to the European debate on New Breeding Techniques for plants. Its aim is to provide policy makers and stakeholders with clear and precise information on NBTs and to generate awareness about their widespread benefits for the European economy and society as a whole.