Madam Chair,

Thank you for giving me the floor. My delegation aligns itself to the statement made by the Republic of Sudan on behalf of Group 77 and China.

Madam Chair,

I have a comment directed at the presentation made by Prof. Collier on GMOs.

My delegation understands that the main argument for GMOs among others is to increase food production and food varieties to feed the ever-increasing population in the world. In principle, this notion is agreeable.

My delegation wish to disagree that it is foolish not to adopt GMO’s in our agriculture on the basis of the reason that we copied this position from Europe.

Madam Chair,

Scientifically, GMOs are usually genetically engineered and are also a weak genotype that can also wipe out crop varieties that constitute a genetic pool for crops in question.

My delegation believe that adoption of GMOs if not well managed could also raise the costs of inputs as well as those of acquiring GMO seedling varieties of which poor people cannot afford.

We will always consider GMOs on the basis of its feasibility and sustainability in our agriculture system.

I thank you madam chair.