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Dear INRA members

At the 14th meeting held in April in Tokyo, INRA members agreed that the next meeting would be held in November/December in Kyoto, Japan. In light of the most of the members' participation in the IAEA Beijing conference in October, our Canadian friend Ms. Linda Keen proposed that the date of the next INRA meeting should be moved up to October in conjunction with the Beijing conference if agreeable.

In response to the proposal, we, as co-hosts of the next meeting, inquired all the members whether they can agree to the changing of the date. The result showed that three members (France, Germany and Sweden) would be unable to attend if the meeting is to be held in October while four members (Canada, Spain, UK and the US) were supportive to the proposal. We recognize that, in respect of the good tradition of INRA's as a forum for top regulators, the meeting should be organized in such way that the maximum participation can be secured. We would, therefore, like to conclude that the next INRA meeting is to be held on the agreed date, 2-4 December 2004 in Kyoto.

In this opportunity we would like to express our sincere appreciation to our Canadian friend Ms. Keen for her positive proposal for the efficient forum management. We sincerely wish that all the members can agree to this conclusion. Early December is, in general view, one of the best time of the year to visit Kyoto. We are looking forward to seeing you again in December in Kyoto.

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