Report of Group E:

Regulatory Issues and Initiatives With Focus on Industry Issues
Major Issues Discussed

- Need for:
  - Responsive, transparent, predictable regulatory process
  - Supportive political environment (overall policies)

- Growers of specialty crops feel ‘isolated’ by lack of information

- Future Regulatory environment uncertain (ie: loss of old compounds)
Major Issues Discussed (2)

- Information exchange (data)
- Migration of agricultural production in one country to other regions and/or countries
- Global sourcing patterns by Food Chain
- Low availability of new active substances
- Role of international bodies (OECD, FAO, EPPO)
Major Issues Discussed (3)

- Lack of coordinated representation of growers across borders
Number of Political Issues Identified

- Recognized importance of these issues
- Minor Use growers need to improve organization, and political intervention on the minor use issues
- Not sure how much Summit can affect but wish to make a statement
Regulatory Impact on Minor Uses

Regulations should take into account the continued availability of pest management tools

- the risk of resistance development
  - Appropriate requirements for minimum levels of chemical diversity should be agreed (for example, in collaboration with EPPO), such as 3 different effective modes of action, with no cross resistance

- Avoid creating, or making worse, situations where a minimum level of chemical diversity is not available

- Food security
Regulatory Impact on Minor Uses

Fully supports initiatives which provide incentives for minor crop use extensions such as:

- additional data protection
- dedicated funding (public or other) to help meet minor use needs and regulatory requirements
  - importance public funding
  - importance of research
- different regulatory incentives (for example appropriate data requirements) for reduced risk chemicals (ie: example semiochemicals, and biological insecticides)
Recommendations

**Communications**
- Identify Needs of Growers
- Need mechanism for growers to communicate needs

**Must be strategic**
- Need global awareness of where issues are currently as well as where issues may arise in the future

**Recommendation**
- Support development of database to identify grower priorities
Recommendations

- **Communication**
  - Improve understanding of general public
    - Meaning of MRLs
    - Support risk based and science based analyses
    - As we discuss facilitating registrations for minor uses must communicate that public safety is not compromised in these efforts

- **Recommendation**
  Regulatory authorities develop communication messages on these issues
Recommendations

Evaluation Procedures

- Strongly support joint global data evaluations
- Build mutual confidence in and among global regulatory authorities
- Need to address ways to ensure/encourage minor uses are included to the extent possible with the initial submissions

Recommendation

Extend bi- tri- or multi-lateral work to include addition of minor uses (as well as initial submissions)
Recommendations

- **MRL Harmonization**
  - harmonized MRLs must result from multi-lateral efforts
  - simultaneous registration

- **Codex**
  - industry is seeking MRLs
  - support efforts to address issue of national authorities recognizing Codex MRLs
Recommendations

- **Data**
  - Need to address issue of posting information on available data that may be useful for minor use registrations (i.e.: inventory of studies completed in order to be aware that specific work has been done)
  - Various types of databases exist
    - Europe / North America
    - Australia (protected data is listed with regulatory decision only)

- **Recommendation**
  - Support databases with this information
  - Database linkages critical