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There are many concerns with regard to the environmental impacts of some GM crops (e.g. Oil seed rape) which I consider are not being addressed fully. However, Your report does make two particularly important points.

1. The need to make GM crops available to small scale-scale producers. I have some experience of agricultural production in China and it is clear that, given global climate trends, the development of drought- and salt-resistant plants is essential. Such plants are less likely to create environmental damage than the less controlable pesticide and herbicide-resistance genes being developed

2. Your comments about the damage caused by the EU's CAP are very timely and deserve world-wide support