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## **ESAC INTERIM STATEMENT ON THE RETox ASSAY FOR EMBRYOTOXICITY TESTING**

At its 26<sup>th</sup> Meeting, held on 26-27 April 2007 at the European Centre for the Validation of Alternative Methods (ECVAM), Ispra, Italy, the non-Commission members of the ECVAM Scientific Advisory Committee (ESAC)<sup>1</sup> unanimously endorsed the following statement:

On the basis of the available data submitted for peer review the ESAC has not endorsed the scientific validity of the RE Tox assay.

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1. The ESAC was established by the European Commission, and is composed of nominees from the EU Members States, industry, academia and animal welfare, together with representatives of the relevant Commission services.

This statement was endorsed by the following members of the ESAC:

Ms Sonja Beken (Belgium)  
Ms Dagmar Jírová (Czech Republic)  
Mr Tõnu Püssa (Estonia)  
Mr Lionel Larue (France)  
Mr Manfred Liebsch (Germany)  
Ms Annalaura Stamatì (Italy)  
Mr Jan van der Valk (The Netherlands)  
Mr Constantin Mircioiu (Romania)  
Mr Albert Breier (Slovakia)  
Ms Argelia Castaño (Spain)  
Mr Patric Amcoff (Sweden)  
Mr Jon Richmond (UK)  
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Ms Vera Rogiers (ECOPA)  
Ms Nathalie Alépée (EFPIA)  
Mr Robert Combes (ESTIV)  
Mr Hasso Seibert (European Science Foundation)

The following Commission Services and Observer Organisations were involved in the consultation process, but not in the endorsement process itself.

Mr Thomas Hartung (ECVAM; chairman)  
Mr Jens Linge (ECVAM; ESAC secretary)  
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Ms Grace Patlewicz (ECB, DG JRC)  
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Mr Barry Philips (Eurogroup for Animal Welfare)  
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