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Worldwide cultural differences in socio-ethical views in relation to biotechnology - A report commissioned by the COGEM (Netherlands Commission on Genetic Modification)

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... **Biotechnology policy in China**

... **For those observers who take the official U.S. point of view on biotech regulation, what is surprising and also rather disappointing is that China seems to have moved a long distance in the direction of the EU regime of biosafety regulation (Kogan, 2005). (p. 95).**

... **It seems that at least these Chinese partners are very eager to learn about European experiences with GMO regulation; they do not at all complain that the EU is trying to impose its regulatory concepts and models in a top-down manner. Of course, according to some Americans this EU-Chinese cooperation actually amounts to a conspiracy against US trade interests and disloyalty to WTO obligations (Kogan, 2005). (p. 100).**

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