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**Subject:** RE: No need for you to sign the "Statement" Ralph!!

I also think this is a good decision. Otherwise it looks self-serving and we lose impact. ralph

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**Importance:** High

I spoke with Linfa last night about the statement we sent round. He thinks, and I agree with him, that you, me and him should not sign this statement, so it has some distance from us and therefore doesn't work in a counterproductive way.

Jim Hughes, Linda Saif, Hume Field, and I believe Rita Colwell will sign it, then I'll send it round some other key people tonight. We'll then put it out in a way that doesn't link it back to our collaboration so we maximize an independent voice.

Cheers,

Peter

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