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**The International Treaty**  
ON PLANT GENETIC RESOURCES  
FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

**Item 4.1 of the Provisional Agenda**

**INTERNATIONAL TREATY ON PLANT GENETIC RESOURCES  
FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE**

**THIRD MEETING OF THE COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE**

**Rome, Italy, 31 January – 1 February 2019**

**REVIEW OF THE COMPLIANCE PROCEDURES**

1. The *Procedures and Operational Mechanisms to Promote Compliance and Address Issues of non-Compliance (Compliance Procedures)* were adopted at the Fourth Session of the Governing Body in 2011.
2. Pursuant to Section X of the *Compliance Procedures*, the Governing Body shall review the effectiveness of the *Compliance Procedures* and take appropriate action, within six years of their approval and periodically thereafter. Accordingly, the first review of their effectiveness was due in 2017.
3. At its Seventh Session in 2017, the Governing Body “*decide[d] to postpone the review foreseen in Section X of the Compliance Procedures to its Eighth Session*”. However, the Governing Body did not provide any further guidance on what it might require for the review of the effectiveness of the *Compliance Procedures* or how it would wish to proceed with the review.
4. For this purpose, the Committee may to discuss the contributions it may wish provide to the assessment and review process and to submit relevant information or recommendations to the Governing Body, so that the Governing Body could undertake the review at its Eighth Session in November 2019.
5. The Committee may discuss on which aspects of the effectiveness the review could focus in 2019. Without excluding any elements, the Committee could emphasize one or two sections. One example could be section V concerning the monitoring and reporting mechanism, for which data and narrative information are now available, as summarized in document IT/GB8/CC-3/19/3. In this context, the Committee could suggest criteria to be used for the assessment of their effectiveness.
6. Should the Committee come to the conclusion that the information currently available is not sufficient for the Governing Body to undertake a comprehensive review, it may wish to suggest to the Governing Body to again postpone the review of the effectiveness foreseen in Section X of the *Compliance Procedures* to its next Session, indicating what preparations would need to be made to assist the review, or to suggest to focus the review on specific aspects at the Eighth Session and postpone the review of other aspects to its next Session.
7. In this regard, the Committee would need to propose appropriate text for the draft Resolution to be prepared for the consideration of the Governing Body.