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NOTIFICATION

Invitation to submit views, experiences and best practices as examples of possible options for national implementation of Article 9 of the International Treaty, and information regarding the arrangements for the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Farmers' Rights

Dear Madam/Sir,

I have the honour to draw your attention to Resolution 7/2017, 'Implementation of Article 9, Farmers' Rights', adopted by the Seventh Session of the Governing Body of the International Treaty, by which the Governing Body decided to establish an *Ad Hoc* Technical Expert Group on Farmers' Rights (AHTEG).

The Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Farmers' Rights will:

- (1) *produce an inventory of national measures that may be adopted, best practices and lessons learned from the realization of Farmers' Rights, as set out in Article 9 of the International Treaty, and*
- (2) *based on the inventory, develop options for encouraging, guiding and promoting the realization of Farmers' Rights as set out in Article 9 of the International Treaty.*

To facilitate the work of the AHTEG, I would like to invite Contracting Parties and all relevant stakeholders, including farmers' organizations, to submit views, experiences and best practices as an example of possible options for the national implementation of Article 9 of the International Treaty, as appropriate and subject to national legislation, in preparation for the above-mentioned inventory. As further requested by the Governing Body, I will compile and submit the submissions to the AHTEG on Farmers' Rights. The submissions will also be published at the website of the International Treaty: <http://www.fao.org/plant-treaty/areas-of-work/farmers-rights/farmers-rights-submissions/en/>

To facilitate the consolidation of such information in the documentation being prepared by the Secretariat, kindly send such information by 30 June 2018 electronically to PGRFA-Treaty@fao.org, or in hard copy to:

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I am also pleased to inform that, as required by the Terms of Reference of the *Ad Hoc* Technical Expert Group, the Bureau of the Eighth Session of the Governing Body has now designated the representatives from the stipulated stakeholder groups. It has also appointed the two Co-Chairs to guide their work, namely:

- Ms Svanhild Isabelle Batta Torheim, Norway
- Mr Rakesh Chandra Agrawal, India

The first meeting of the Ad Hoc Technical Experts Group on Farmers' Rights will be held from 11 to 14 September 2018 in Rome, Italy.

For any query or request for further information, please contact the Secretariat of the International Treaty at PGRFA-Treaty@fao.org.

Please accept Madam/Sir, the assurance of my highest consideration.



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Secretary

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