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The Secretary of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and  
Agriculture  
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**RE: NOTIFICATION REGARDING ZAMBIA'S DESIGNATION OF ANNEX 1  
MATERIAL TO THE MULTILATERAL SYSTEM**

The International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (the Treaty) has established a Multilateral System of Access and Benefit-sharing.

Regarding the coverage of the Multilateral System, Article 11 specifies that the Multilateral System shall include all plant genetic resources for food and agriculture listed in *Annex I* that are under the management and control of the Contracting Parties and in the public domain, and that Contracting Parties invite other holders of the plant genetic resources for food and agriculture listed in *Annex I* to include these in the Multilateral System.

Herewith, Zambia wishes to designate the following plant genetic resources for food and agriculture listed in *Annex I* for inclusion under the Multilateral System of Access and Benefit Sharing of the International Treaty for Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture:

1. The collections held by the National Plant Genetic Resources Centre, Zambia, user procedures to order samples are readily available.
2. Twelve crop species collection held by the National Plant Genetic Resources Centre located in Chilanga and consisting of 4,340 accessions is attached.

Germplasm held in the collections listed above will be made available to users under the conditions of the Standard Material Transfer Agreement of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture.

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**ITPGRFA Annex 1 crops held at the Zambia National Plant Genetic Resources Centre**

It must be noted that the NPGRC has used agromorphological characterization techniques to add value to the collections in the genebank.

<b>Crop</b>	<b>Genus</b>	<b>No. of accessions</b>	<b>Nature of Collection</b>	<b>Conservation method</b>	<b>No. of Accessions characterized</b>
Sorghum	<i>Sorghum</i>	1350	landraces	Deep freezer (-20° C)	691
Cowpea	<i>Vigna</i>	657	landraces	Deep freezer (-20° C)	496
Finger millet	<i>Eleusine</i>	297	landraces	Deep freezer (-20° C)	177
Maize	<i>Zea</i>	685	landraces	Deep freezer (-20° C)	200
Beans	<i>Phaseolus</i>	309	landraces	Deep freezer (-20° C)	228
Pearl millet	<i>Pennisetum</i>	379	landraces	Deep freezer (-20° C)	94
Rice	<i>Oryza</i>	196	landraces	Deep freezer (-20° C)	-
Pigeon pea	<i>Cajanus</i>	153	landraces	Deep freezer (-20° C)	-
Egg plant	<i>Solanum</i>	4	landraces	Deep freezer (-20° C)	-
Sunflower	<i>Helianthus</i>	42	Recycled improved varieties	Deep freezer (-20° C)	-
Cassava	<i>Manihot</i>	154	landraces	Field genebank (living collections)	-
Sweet potato	<i>Ipomoea</i>	114	landraces	Field genebank (living collections)	-