

RESOLUTION 1/2006

The Funding Strategy

THE GOVERNING BODY,

- (i) **Recalling** that the objectives of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture are the conservation and sustainable use of plant genetic resources for food and agriculture and the fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising out of their use, in harmony with the Convention on Biological Diversity, for sustainable agriculture and food security;
- (ii) **Recalling** that, under Article 18.1 of the Treaty, “*The Contracting Parties undertake to implement a funding strategy for the implementation of this Treaty*”, in accordance with the provisions of Article 18;
- (iii) **Recognizing** that an effective Funding Strategy is critical to the implementation of the Treaty;
- (iv) **Noting** that the Funding Strategy should enhance the availability, transparency, efficiency and effectiveness of the provision of financial resources to implement activities under the Treaty;
- (v) **Noting** that the Funding Strategy should seek to attract financial resources from all possible sources as indicated in Article 18.4 of the Treaty;
- (vi) **Recognizing** that the extent to which Contracting Parties that are developing countries and Contracting Parties with economies in transition will effectively implement their commitments under the Treaty will depend on the effective allocation, particularly by developed country Contracting Parties, of the resources referred to in Article 18 of the Treaty. Contracting Parties that are developing countries and Contracting Parties with economies in transition will accord due priority in their own plans and programmes to building capacity in plant genetic resources for food and agriculture;
- (vii) **Recognizing** the importance of cooperation with relevant international mechanisms, funds and bodies for the successful implementation of the Funding Strategy;
- (viii) **Recalling** that, under Article 18.4a of the Treaty, “*Contracting Parties shall take the necessary and appropriate measures within the Governing Bodies of relevant international mechanisms, funds and bodies to ensure due priority and attention to the effective allocation of predictable and agreed resources for the implementation of plans and programmes under this Treaty*”;
- (ix) **Noting** that the Global Crop Diversity Trust is an essential element of the Funding Strategy in relation to the *ex situ* conservation and availability of plant genetic resources for food and agriculture;
- (x) **Noting** that voluntary contributions may also be provided by Contracting Parties, the private sector, non-governmental organisations and other sources. The Governing Body shall consider modalities of a strategy to promote such contributions, taking into account the provisions of Article 13 of the Treaty;
- (xi) **Noting** that the priority for the Funding Strategy will be the implementation of agreed plans and programmes in developing countries, especially least developed countries, and in countries with economies in transition, who conserve and sustainably utilize plant genetic resources for food and agriculture;

(xii) **Noting** the importance of taking into account the rolling *Global Plan of Action for the Conservation and Sustainable Utilization of Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture*, when establishing further priorities for the Funding Strategy and when establishing a target for funding, considering also the need for regular updating of the *Global Plan of Action*;

(xiii) **Recognizing** that the Governing Body and Contracting Parties will need to take a number of other actions to support the implementation of the Funding Strategy;

1. **Adopts** the Funding Strategy;¹
2. **Mandates** the Secretariat of the Treaty to take the necessary steps to facilitate the provision by developed country Contracting Parties of adequate resources for the implementation of the Treaty in Contracting Parties that are developing countries and countries with economies in transition;
3. **Requests** Contracting Parties and **invites** non-Contracting Parties to undertake, as appropriate, the following actions in support of the implementation of the Funding Strategy:
 - a. To take the necessary and appropriate measures within the Governing Bodies of relevant international mechanisms, funds and bodies, to ensure due priority and attention to the effective allocation of predictable and agreed resources for plans and programmes relevant for the implementation of the Treaty;
 - b. To promote voluntary contributions from sources within their country for plans and programmes relevant for the implementation of the Treaty.
 - c. To report to the Governing Body, as appropriate, on the results of actions they have taken in line with items (a) and (b) above, to be made available through the website of the Treaty;
 - d. To provide information to the Secretariat on bilateral assistance provided in line with the reporting provisions of *Annex 4* of the Funding Strategy, to be made available through the website of the Treaty;
4. **Invites** Contracting Parties, in particular developed countries, to provide information to the Secretariat on bilateral funding relevant to the Funding Strategy from sources within their country, to be made available through the website of the Treaty;
5. **Requests** that the Global Crop Diversity Trust cooperate with the Governing Body on the basis of a Relationship Agreement, in accordance with Article 7 of the Constitution of the Global Crop Diversity Trust, including the Governing Body's authority to provide overall policy guidance to the Trust on all matters within the purview of the Treaty, as well as the reporting obligations of the Trust to the Governing Body;²
6. **Invites** the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research to provide, through its activities, support to the implementation of the Funding Strategy, and to report to the Governing Body on these activities;

¹ Contained in the *Appendix F* to this Report.

² *Note by the Secretariat*: the Relationship Agreement was approved by the Governing Body at this session, and signed by FAO, on behalf of the Governing Body, and by the Global Crop Diversity Trust. The Relationship Agreement is attached as *Appendix M* to this Report.

7. **Invites** the Global Environment Facility, the World Bank and the Regional Development Banks to take steps to ensure that their activities will include support for the conservation and sustainable use of agricultural biodiversity and thereby contribute towards the objectives of the Treaty, and to report to the Governing Body on these activities;
8. **Calls upon** relevant international mechanisms, funds and bodies to attribute due priority to activities within their mandates relevant to the implementation of the Treaty;
9. **Invites** the governing bodies of all relevant international mechanisms, funds and bodies to provide information on their mandates, priorities, eligibility criteria and procedures relevant to the support of actions for the implementation of the Treaty, to be made available through the website of the Treaty;
10. **Requests** the Secretariat of the Treaty to positively pursue, with the secretariats of relevant international mechanisms, funds and bodies, means by which they might contribute to the implementation of the Funding Strategy of the Treaty, and the possibility of establishing memoranda of understanding with the Governing Body in this regard;
11. **Invites** Contracting Parties, the private sector, including the Food Processing and other value-added Industries, non-governmental organizations, and all other interested parties, to make voluntary contributions to the Funding Strategy;
12. **Invites** Contracting Parties, relevant international mechanisms, funds and bodies, and providers of relevant services, to propose initiatives to address priorities established for the Funding Strategy;
13. **Invites** Contracting Parties to provide information to the Secretariat of the Governing Body on their own plans and programmes for building capacity in plant genetic resources for food and agriculture, and for the conservation and sustainable use of plant genetic resources for food and agriculture, to be made available through the website of the Treaty;
14. **Decides** to establish, in accordance with Article 19.3f of the Treaty, a Trust Account for receiving and utilizing financial resources, which accrue to it for the purposes of implementing the Treaty, and acknowledges that appropriate procedures, including eligibility criteria and operational procedures, for the use of this account remain to be approved by the Governing Body;
15. **Decides** to establish an *Ad Hoc* Advisory Committee, composed of seven representatives of Contracting Parties, with one representative nominated by each of the FAO Regions. This Committee will, in particular, draft, on the basis of the preparatory work of the Secretariat and information provided by the Parties, priorities, eligibility criteria and operational procedures for the allocation of funds under the direct control of the Governing Body, for the consideration of the Governing Body. The meetings of this Committee will be subject to the availability of funds;³
16. **Urges** Contracting Parties, and **invites** other Governments, to consider the provision of financial resources for facilitating its work, including for holding meetings of this Committee.
17. **Requests** the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture to support the development of the Funding Strategy, in the context of its work in relation to the supporting components of the Treaty, including the *Global Plan of Action for the Conservation and*

³ Note by the Secretariat: Five countries pledged US\$ 5,000 each towards the holding of a meeting of the *Ad Hoc* Advisory Group: Austria, Canada, Finland, Ireland and Spain.

Sustainable Utilization of Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture and its
Facilitating Mechanism;

18. **Requests** the Secretariat of the Treaty to undertake such actions as are necessary to facilitate the implementation of this Resolution and of the Funding Strategy.

(Adopted on 16 June 2006)