

## RESOLUTION 2/2007

### Farmers' Rights

#### THE GOVERNING BODY,

- (i) **Recalling** the recognition in the International Treaty of the enormous contribution that local and indigenous communities and farmers of all regions of the world have made, and will continue to make, for the conservation and development of plant genetic resources as the basis of food and agriculture production throughout the world;
- (ii) **Recalling** the importance of fully implementing Article 9 of the International Treaty;
- (iii) **Recalling** also that according to Article 9 of the International Treaty, the responsibility for realizing Farmers' Rights, as they relate to plant genetic resources for food and agriculture, rests with national Governments;
- (iv) **Acknowledging** that there is uncertainty in many countries as to how Farmers' Rights can be implemented and that the challenges related to the realization of Farmers' Rights are likely to vary from country to country;
- (v) **Recognizing** that exchange of experiences and mutual assistance between Contracting Parties can significantly contribute to making progress in the implementation of the provisions on Farmers' Rights in the International Treaty;
- (vi) **Recognizing** the contribution the Governing Body may give in support of the implementation of Farmers' Rights;
- (vii) **Encourages** Contracting Parties and other relevant organizations to submit views and experiences on the implementation of Farmers' Rights as set out in Article 9 of the International Treaty, involving, as appropriate, farmers' organizations and other stakeholders;
- (viii) **Requests** the Secretary to collect these views and experiences as a basis for an agenda item for consideration by the Governing Body at its Third Session to promote the realization of Farmers' Rights at the national level, and to disseminate relevant information through the website of the International Treaty, where appropriate; and
- (ix) **Appreciates** the involvement of farmers' organizations at this Second Session and affirms its commitment to continue to involve farmers' organizations in its further work, as appropriate, according to the Rules of Procedure established by the Governing Body.

(Adopted on 2 November 2007)