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GOVERNMENTS’ SUBMISSIONS AND COMMENTS ON AND SUGGESTED TEXT FOR THE DRAFT FUNDING STRATEGY

JAPAN

1. It is our understanding that Funding Strategy to be adopted does not include compulsory elements by which donors will be obliged to make contribution against their will. In order for it to be meaningful for donor side, the Strategy should accommodate the views and opinions of donors as well as those of recipient nations. Full transparency and accountability need to be ensured regarding the administration and management of the fund to be raised, keeping consistency with relevant provisions of the Financial Rules and Standard Material Transfer Agreement.

2. Clear demarcation in light of status and management should be drawn between the resources under direct control of the Governing Body and the resources not under direct control. In particular, relationship between the Governing Body of the Treaty and the Global Crop Diversity Trust (GDCT) should be fully clarified and stated in the Funding Strategy and other relevant rules, so as not to cause unnecessary misunderstanding on the different nature of the trust. Since the objective of GDCT is to ensure the long-term conservation and availability of PGRFA with a view to achieving global food security and sustainable agriculture, possible contribution by GDCT should be properly utilized for this particular purpose under the Strategy.