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INTERNATIONAL TREATY ON PLANT GENETIC RESOURCES FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

FIRST SESSION OF THE GOVERNING BODY

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DRAFT FUNDING STRATEGY OF THE INTERNATIONAL TREATY

1. The *Open-ended Working Group on the Rules of Procedure and Financial Rules of the Governing Body, Compliance, and the Funding Strategy*, which met in Rome, Italy, from 14 to 17 December 2005, reviewed and revised a draft Resolution on the Funding Strategy, to which the draft Funding Strategy is annexed, and recommended that they be submitted to the Governing Body for consideration at its first session. These are contained in this document.
2. The Open-ended Working Group agreed that further views on, and suggested text for, the Funding Strategy could be submitted, and requested the Interim Secretariat to compile such views and suggested text. These submissions are available on Internet at: <http://www.fao.org/ag/cgrfa/fs.htm> and are reflected in the document, *Compilation of comments on and suggested text for the draft Funding Strategy*.¹
3. The Open-ended Working Group further requested information on how the Governing Body might set priorities for the use of resources under the Funding Strategy and on the practices of other relevant bodies regarding priority-setting, eligibility criteria and operational procedures.² This information is given in the document, *Information on the practices of other relevant bodies regarding priority setting, eligibility criteria and operational procedures and on how the Governing Body might set priorities for the use of resources under the Funding Strategy*.³
4. As requested by the Open-ended Working Group, the Interim Secretariat also established contact with relevant organisations to promote the Funding Strategy, and invited such organisations to participate in the first session of the Governing Body. The Interim Secretariat's report is given in the document, *Report on contacts made by the Interim Secretariat with relevant organisations, in order to promote the Funding Strategy*.⁴

¹ IT/GB-1/06/Inf.8.

² CGRFA/IC/OWG-1/05/REP, para. 22.

³ IT/GB-1/06/Inf.11.

⁴ IT/GB-1/06/Inf.9.

DRAFT RESOLUTION FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF THE GOVERNING BODY**[RESOLUTION */2006 OF THE GOVERNING BODY****ADOPTION OF THE FUNDING STRATEGY FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL TREATY ON PLANT GENETIC RESOURCES FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE****The Governing Body,**

Recalling that the objectives of the International Treaty 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;

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;

Recognizing that an effective Funding Strategy is critical to the implementation of the Treaty;

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;¹

Noting that the Funding Strategy should seek to attract financial resources from all possible sources as indicated in Article 18.4 of the International Treaty;

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 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 build capacity in plant genetic resources for food and agriculture;²

Recognizing the importance of cooperation with relevant international mechanisms, funds and bodies to the successful implementation of the Funding Strategy;

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*”;

Noting that the Global Crop Diversity Trust is an [important supporting component in the implementation] [essential element] of the Funding Strategy in relation to the *ex situ* conservation of plant genetic resources for food and agriculture;

Noting that voluntary contributions may also be provided by Contracting Parties, the private sector, taking into account the provisions of Article 13 of the Treaty, non-governmental organisations and other sources. The Governing Body shall consider modalities of a strategy to promote such contributions;

¹ Article 18.2.

² Article 18.4b.

[**Noting** that the priority for the Funding Strategy will be the implementation of agreed plans and programmes in developing countries, especially least developing countries, and in countries in transition, who conserve and sustainably utilize plant genetic resources for food and agriculture;]

[**Noting** the importance of taking into account the rolling Global Plan of Action when establishing further priorities for the Funding Strategy and when establishing a target for funding, considering also the need for regular up-dating of the Global Plan of Action;³]

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 contained in Appendix I to this Resolution;
- [1bis. **Requests** the Secretariat of the Treaty to take the necessary steps to ensure that developed country Contracting Parties provide adequate resources for the implementation of the Treaty in Contracting Parties that are developing countries and countries in transition;]
2. **Invites** Contracting Parties to undertake, as appropriate, the following actions in support of the implementation of the Funding Strategy:
 - [a. Within the Governing Bodies of relevant international mechanisms, funds and bodies [„such as[the Convention on Biological Diversity,] the Global Environment Facility, the World Bank, the regional development banks, the Global Crop Diversity Trust and the Common Fund on Commodities [and any other relevant international mechanisms, funds and bodies];] to take the necessary and appropriate measures to ensure due priority and attention to the effective allocation of predictable and agreed resources for the implementation of plans and programmes under the Treaty;⁴]
 - [b. To provide information to the Secretariat on the provision of bilateral funding relevant to the Funding Strategy from sources within their country, so that this information can be made available to potential recipients of such funding;]
 - [c. To actively support the implementation of the strategy to promote voluntary contributions (Provisional Annex 4 of the Funding Strategy) within their country;]
 - d. To report to the Governing Body on the actions they have taken in line with items a. to c. above;
 - [e. To report on bilateral and other assistance provided in line with the reporting provisions of Provisional Annex 5 of the Funding Strategy;]
- [2bis. **Invites** Contracting Parties that are developed countries to provide information to the Secretariat of the Treaty on the provision of bilateral funding relevant to the Funding Strategy from sources within their country.];
- [2ter. **Requests** the Global Crop Diversity Trust to operate in accordance with the overall policy guidance to be provided by the Governing Body, in order to contribute to the implementation of the International Treaty; and proposes to the Governing Body to urgently enter into a relationship agreement, confirming the authority of the Governing

³ Article 18.3.

⁴ Article 18.4a.

Body of the International Treaty to provide such overall policy guidance on all matters within the purview of the International Treaty, as well as the reporting obligations of the Trust to the Governing Body;]

- [2quater. **Requests** the CGIAR to provide, through its activities, support to the implementation of the Funding Strategy;]
- [2quinquies. **Requests** the Global Environment Facility to take steps to ensure that their support for agricultural biodiversity contributes towards the objectives of the Treaty;]
3. **Invites** the governing bodies of all 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 the International Treaty [through the Funding Strategy];
4. **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;
5. **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;
6. **Invites** Contracting Parties, the private sector, including the food processing industries, non-governmental organizations, and all other interested parties to make voluntary contributions to the Funding Strategy;
7. **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;
- [7bis. **Invites** Contracting Parties [that are developing countries and Contracting Parties with economies in transition] to report to the Governing Body on the due priority accorded in their own plans and programmes to building capacity in plant genetic resources for food and agriculture;]
- [7ter. **Decides** to establish a permanent technical committee that will be composed of seven representatives of the Contracting Parties taking into consideration equitable geographical representation;]
- [7quater. **Requests** the permanent technical committee to administer such a fund in [order to achieve compliance relating to] [in line with the] priorities, eligibility criteria and operational procedures as provided for in the Provisional annexes of the Funding Strategy;]
- [8. **Decides** to establish a Trust Account for receiving and utilizing financial resources that will accrue to the Governing Body for the purposes of implementing the Treaty;]
9. **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] [and with priority to] its work on the *Global Plan of Action* and its *Facilitating Mechanism*;

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

[ANNEX TO THE DRAFT RESOLUTION ON THE FUNDING STRATEGY]

**INTERNATIONAL TREATY ON PLANT GENETIC RESOURCES FOR FOOD AND
AGRICULTURE**

FUNDING STRATEGY

I. OBJECTIVE

1. The objective of the Funding Strategy is to enhance the availability, transparency, efficiency and effectiveness of the provision of financial resources to implement activities under the Treaty.⁵

II. AIMS

2. The aims of the Funding Strategy are:

2.1 To [ensure that] / [develop ways and means by which] / [facilitate the provision of] adequate resources are available for the implementation of the Treaty [, in accordance with Article 18 of the Treaty]. Such resources shall include:

- a. Financial resources provided by developed country Contracting Parties, which Contracting Parties that are developing countries and countries with economies in transition avail themselves of;⁶
- b. Financial resources for priority activities, plans and programmes relevant to the implementation of the Treaty provided by relevant international mechanisms, funds and bodies⁷ [and through bilateral and regional and multilateral channels];⁸
- c. Financial resources for national activities for the conservation and sustainable use of plant genetic resources for food and agriculture;⁹
- d. Financial resources resulting from the sharing of monetary benefits from the commercialization of plant genetic resources for food and agriculture under Article 13.2d(ii) of the Treaty;¹⁰
- e. Voluntary contributions from Contracting Parties; the private sector, including the food processing industries; non-governmental organizations; and other sources;¹¹
- [f. Financial resources provided through the Regular Programme of FAO.]

⁵ Article 18.2.

⁶ Article 18.4c.

⁷ Article 18.4a.

⁸ Article 18.4c.

⁹ Article 18.4d.

¹⁰ Article 18.4e.

¹¹ Article 18.4f.

- 2.2 To [ensure] / [facilitate] / [guarantee] the transparent, efficient and effective utilization of all resources made available under the Funding Strategy. [Noting that the financial resources provided shall not be used to ends inconsistent with this Treaty, in particular in areas related to international trade in commodities.]

III. PRIORITIES

3. Priorities for support under the Funding Strategy are established to ensure a balanced approach to the implementation of the Treaty [, in particular the conservation and sustainable use of plant genetic resources for food and agriculture]. The priorities are at *Provisional Annex 1*.

IV. TARGET FOR FUNDING¹²

- [4. Mobilization of funds according to the list of objectives contained in *Provisional Annex 6* of this document to finance projects and programmes necessary to achieve the aims of the Funding Strategy.]

V. RESOURCES UNDER THE DIRECT CONTROL OF THE GOVERNING BODY

5. Resources under the direct control of the Governing Body include those resulting from the sharing of monetary benefits from the commercialization of plant genetic resources for food and agriculture under Article 13.2d(ii) of the Treaty, and voluntary contributions.
6. Disbursements from these resources will be granted by [the Permanent Technical Committee]. Subject to the availability of funds, disbursements will be granted annually.
7. To be eligible for a disbursement, applicants and proposals must meet the criteria set out in *Provisional Annex 2* of this document.
8. Operational procedures regarding the receipt and management of these resources, and regarding the receipt of applications for disbursements, the selection of projects for funding, the granting of disbursements and the monitoring of projects funded, are at *Provisional Annex 3* of this document.
9. [*Name of body responsible for granting awards*] [The Permanent Technical Committee] will report on the granting of disbursements at each session of the Governing Body.
10. Voluntary contributions to the Funding Strategy are encouraged from all sources, including from Contracting Parties and countries that are not Contracting Parties, the private sector and non-governmental organizations.¹³ Modalities of a strategy to promote voluntary contributions are at *Provisional Annex 4* of this document.

¹² Article 18.3.

¹³ Articles 13.2d(ii), 13.6 and 18.3f.

VI. RESOURCES NOT UNDER THE DIRECT CONTROL OF THE GOVERNING BODY

11. Developed country Contracting Parties provide financial resources [through bilateral] [regional] and multilateral channels, which Contracting Parties that are developing countries or countries with economies in transition avail themselves of, in accordance with Article 18.4c of the Treaty.
12. A number of international mechanisms, funds and bodies, [including the Global Crop Diversity Trust] [and developed countries] provide resources [through bilateral [regional]] and multilateral channels in support of activities of relevance to the implementation of the International Treaty. All such funding bodies are encouraged to ensure that due priority and attention is given to the effective allocation of predictable and agreed resources in support of the implementation of the International Treaty. They are invited to use, as appropriate, the priorities identified at *Provisional Annex 1* of this document when allocating resources in support of the Implementation of the Treaty, within the context of their mandates.
13. Information on the mandates, policies, eligibility criteria and procedures of such funding bodies will be collected and maintained by the Secretariat of the International Treaty and made available to Contracting Parties through the [FAO website dedicated to the Treaty] / [Treaty website].

VII. MONITORING

14. [The Governing Body shall monitor [, through a separate mechanism from that established in Articles 6 and 9 of this document,] the implementation of the Funding Strategy and assess its efficacy through the information and reporting requirements identified at *Provisional Annex 5* of this document.

VIII. REVIEW

15. The Governing Body shall review this Funding Strategy, including the annexes thereto, at least once every [second] Regular Session.]

[LIST OF PROVISIONAL ANNEXES TO THE FUNDING STRATEGY***PROVISIONAL ANNEX 1: Priorities for the Use of Resources under the Funding Strategy*****[A. INSTITUTIONS AND CAPACITY-BUILDING**

1. Building strong National Programmes.
2. Creating or improving existing facilities.
3. Promoting networks for plant genetic resources for food and agriculture.
4. Constructing and improving comprehensive information systems.
5. Developing, monitoring and early warning systems for the loss of plant genetic resources for food and agriculture.
6. Expanding and improving education and training.
7. Promoting public awareness of the value of the conservation and use of plant genetic resources for food and agriculture.

B. *IN SITU* CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT

8. Surveying and inventorying plant genetic resources for food and agriculture.
9. Supporting on-farm management and improvement of plant genetic resources for food and agriculture.
10. Assisting farming in disaster situations to restore agricultural systems.
11. Promoting *in situ* conservation of wild crop relatives and wild plants for food production.
12. Integrating the strategies used for the conservation of biodiversity with the conservation of plant genetic resources for food and agriculture.
13. Promoting territorial/endogenous development.
14. Promoting the conservation of associated local knowledge.

C. *EX SITU* CONSERVATION

15. Guaranteeing the conservation of *ex situ* collections, particularly of endangered plant species.
16. Regenerating threatened *ex situ* accessions.
17. Supporting collection activities of valuable or threatened plant genetic resources for food and agriculture.
18. Expanding *ex situ* conservation activities.

D. SUSTAINABLE UTILIZATION OF PLANT GENETIC RESOURCES

19. Expanding characterization and evaluation, as well as core collections to facilitate use.
20. Increasing genetic enhancement and base-broadening efforts.
21. Promoting sustainable agriculture through diversification of crop production and broader diversity in crops.
22. Promoting development and commercialization of under-utilized crops and species.
23. Supporting seed production and distribution.
24. Developing new markets for species and local varieties used at local and regional levels.

E. FUNDING STRATEGY AND COMPLIANCE

25. Enhancing awareness on the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture.

26. Getting support for the take-off of the Multilateral System.]¹⁴

PROVISIONAL ANNEX 2: Use of Resources under the Direct Control of the Governing Body – Eligibility Criteria

PROVISIONAL ANNEX 3: Use of Resources under the Direct Control of the Governing Body – Operational Procedures

PROVISIONAL ANNEX 4: Use of Resources under the Direct Control of the Governing Body – Modalities of a Strategy to Promote Voluntary Contributions

PROVISIONAL ANNEX 5: Information and Reporting Requirements under the Funding Strategy

[**PROVISIONAL ANNEX 6:** Targets for funding]

Note: the Governing Body may wish to establish a schedule for the preparation and adoption of these annexes.]

¹⁴ This option does not preclude the possibility of other options.