



The International Treaty

ON PLANT GENETIC RESOURCES FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE



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FIFTH SESSION OF THE GOVERNING BODY

Muscat, Oman, 24-28 September 2013

RESOLUTION 8/2013

IMPLEMENTATION OF ARTICLE 9, FARMERS' RIGHTS

THE GOVERNING BODY,

Recalling the recognition in the International Treaty of the enormous contribution that the local and indigenous communities and farmers of all regions of the world have made, and will continue to make, for the conservation, and development use of plant genetic resources as the basis of food and agriculture production throughout the world;

Welcoming the submissions of views and experiences from Contracting Parties and other stakeholders, as compiled in document IT/GB-5/13/Inf.8;

Recognizing also the submissions of views and experiences that have been compiled prior to previous sessions of the Governing Body;

Also recalling resolutions 2/2007, 6/2009 and 6/2011;

1. **Requests** the Secretary to review the knowledge, views, experiences and best practices that have been submitted since the entering into force of the International Treaty and to date, including those submitted by farmers' organizations, in order to derive examples, in a systematic way, as options for national implementation of Article 9 on Farmers' Rights, as appropriate and according to national legislation, to be presented at the next session of the Governing Body;
2. **Requests** the Secretary to report on relevant discussions that relate to Farmers' Rights within FAO fora, including the Committee on Food Security;
3. **Requests** the Secretary to invite UPOV and WIPO to jointly identify possible areas of interrelations among their respective international instruments;
4. **Invites** each Contracting Party to engage farmers' organizations and relevant stakeholders in matters related to the conservation and sustainable use of plant genetic resources for food and agriculture, and consider their contributions to awareness raising and capacity building towards this aim;
5. **Invites** each Contracting Party to consider developing national action plans for the implementation of Article 9, as appropriate, and subject to national legislation, in line with the

implementation of Articles 5 and 6, in particular the measures in Articles 5.1 (c and d) and 6.2 (c, d, e, f, and g);

6. **Invites** each Contracting Party that have not already done so, to consider reviewing and, if necessary, adjusting its national measures affecting the realization of Farmers' Rights, as set out in Article 9 in the International Treaty, to protect and promote Farmers' Rights;

7. **Invites** Contracting Parties to promote access to genetic resources under the Multilateral System by local and indigenous communities and farmers;

8. **Invites** Contracting Parties and relevant organizations to take initiatives to convene regional workshops and other consultations including with farmers' organizations, for the exchange of knowledge, views and experiences to promote the realization of Farmers' Rights as set out in the Treaty, and present results at the next session of the Governing Body;

9. **Requests** the Secretary to facilitate support to such initiatives upon request;

10. **Invites** Contracting Parties and development cooperation organizations to consider providing financial and technical support for the implementation of Farmers' Rights as set out in Article 9 of the Treaty in developing countries, and to enable farmers and representatives of farmers' organizations to attend meetings under the International Treaty;

11. **Appreciates** the participation of farmers' organizations in the work of the Governing Body, as appropriate, according to the Rules of Procedure of the Governing Body and invites them to continue to actively participate in the sessions of the Governing Body and relevant inter-sessional processes;

12. **Requests** the Secretary to facilitate support to Contracting Parties in building capacity for the implementation of Farmers' Rights, as set out in the Treaty, upon their request and depending on available resources;

13. **Welcomes** the offer from a farmers' organization at the Fifth Session of the Governing Body to provide a report on the implementation of Farmers' Rights to the next session of the Governing Body;

14. **Requests** the Secretary to report to the Governing Body, at the Sixth Session, on the implementation of this Resolution.