



The International Treaty

ON PLANT GENETIC RESOURCES FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE



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Item 1 of the Draft Provisional Agenda

FIFTH SESSION OF THE GOVERNING BODY

Muscat, Oman, 24–28 September 2013

LIST OF OBSERVERS WHO HAVE REQUESTED APPROVAL TO BE REPRESENTED AT THE FIFTH SESSION OF THE GOVERNING BODY IN ACCORDANCE WITH RULE VII.2 OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE

1. As established under Article 19.5 of the Treaty, any *“body or agency, whether governmental or non-governmental, qualified in fields relating to conservation and sustainable use of plant genetic resources for food and agriculture, which has informed the Secretary of the Treaty of its wish to be represented as an observer at a session of the Governing Body, may be admitted unless at least one third of the Contracting Parties present object”*.
2. The Rules of Procedure adopted by the Governing Body at its First Session in June 2006, state that *“such observers may, upon invitation of the Chairperson, participate without the right to vote in sessions of the Governing Body on matters of direct concern to the body or agency they represent unless at least one third of the Contracting Parties present at the session object”*¹. The Rules of Procedure further foresee that *“before the opening of a session of the Governing Body the Secretary will circulate a list of observers who have requested approval to be represented at the session”*².
3. The following bodies and agencies have requested approval to be represented at the Third Session of the Governing Body of the Treaty:
 1. Action Group on Erosion, Technology and Concentration (ETC Group)
 2. Arab Organization for Agricultural Development (AOAD)
 3. Asociación para la Naturaleza y el Desarrollo Sostenible (ANDES)
 4. Association de Réflexion d'échanges et d'actions pour l'Environnement et le Développement (AREA-ED)
 5. Association of Agriculture Research Institutions in Near East and North Africa
 - 6. Confederation des Associations Amazighes Maroc**

¹ IT/GB-1/06/Report, *Appendix D*, Rules of Procedure of the Governing Body, Rule VII.2.

² IT/GB-1/06/Report, *Appendix D*, Rules of Procedure of the Governing Body, Rule VII.4.

7. Community Technology Development Trust
8. European Seed Association
9. French Agricultural Research Centre for International Development (CIRAD)
- 10. Fridtjof Nansen Institute**
- 11. German Plant Breeders' Association**
12. Global Crop Diversity Trust
- 13. Greenpeace International**
- 14. International Center for Biosaline Agriculture**
15. International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD)
16. International Planning Committee for Food Sovereignty (IPC)
17. International Seed Federation (ISF)
18. International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (UPOV)
- 19. Institut d'Alphabétisation pour la Paix et le Développement (INAPD)**
- 20. League of Arab States Economic Affairs**
- 21. MELCA - Ethiopia**
22. Nordic Genetic Resource Centre
- 23. Organica Group**
24. Oxfam Novib
25. Pacific Community (PC)
- 26. Qatar Foundation**
- 27. South Asia Watch on Trade, Economics and Environment (SAWTEE)**
28. Southern African Development Community (SADC)
29. The Development Fund (DF)
30. Third World Network
31. Unitarian Service Committee of Canada (USC Canada)