



# The International Treaty

ON PLANT GENETIC RESOURCES FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE



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## FIFTH SESSION OF THE GOVERNING BODY

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### RESOLUTION 3/2013

#### PROCEDURES FOR THE SELECTION AND APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE GLOBAL CROP DIVERSITY TRUST

#### THE GOVERNING BODY,

- (i) **Recalling** that the Global Crop Diversity Trust is an essential element of the Funding Strategy of the Treaty, and the importance of the Trust's work in safeguarding globally important crop diversity;
- (ii) **Reaffirming** the need to maintain and further develop the relationship between the International Treaty and the Global Crop Diversity Trust in a complementary manner in order to achieve coherence of goals and activities;
- (iii) **Recalling** that, under the terms of the Relationship Agreement between the Global Crop Diversity Trust and the Governing Body, the Governing Body shall appoint four members to serve on the Executive Board of the Global Crop Diversity Trust, of whom at least two shall be from developing countries;
- (iv) **Recognizing** that, in accordance with Article 5 (6) of the Constitution of the Global Crop Diversity Trust, the members of the Executive Board of the Global Crop Diversity Trust shall serve in their personal capacities;
- (v) **Recalling** that the Governing Body, at its First Session, delegated to the Bureau the power of appointment of the first four members of the Executive Board of the Global Crop Diversity Trust to be appointed by the Governing Body;
- (vi) **Further recalling** that the Governing Body, at its Third Session, also delegated to the Bureau the power to select and appoint members of the Executive Board of the Global Crop Diversity Trust to replace those members whose term would expire during the intersessional period between the Third and Fourth Sessions of the Governing Body, as well as the power to oversee the selection process for in the appointments to be made in 2012;
- (vii) **Further recalling** that, in accordance with the Constitution of the Global Crop Diversity Trust, the parties appointing members of the Executive Board, before making such appointments, shall consult with each other and with the Executive Board with a view to ensuring that the Executive Board has the balance and range of skills necessary for it to perform its functions effectively;

- (viii) **Conscious** of the need for the Procedures for the Selection and Appointment Members of the Executive Board of the Global Crop Diversity Trust to be simple and facilitate effective consultations between the parties appointing members of the Executive Board of the Global Crop Diversity Trust, in accordance with the Constitution of the Global Crop Diversity Trust;

*Hereby,*

1. **Adopts** the *Procedures for Selection and Appointment of Members of the Executive Board of the Global Crop Diversity Trust by the Governing Body*, as contained in the *Annex* to this Resolution, which hereby supersede the normal selection and appointment procedures adopted at its First Session;
2. **Requests** the Secretary to forward these Procedures to the Donors' Council of the Global Crop Diversity Trust for approval.

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*ANNEX*

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***PROCEDURES FOR THE SELECTION AND APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE GLOBAL CROP DIVERSITY TRUST***

The following procedures apply to the selection and appointment of Members of the Executive Board of the Global Crop Diversity Trust (Executive Board).

**A. IDENTIFICATION AND NOTIFICATION OF VACANCIES ON THE EXECUTIVE BOARD**

1. The Executive Board of the Trust will identify vacancies occurring in the Board well in advance of the vacancies occurring, and wherever possible at least 9 months in advance of the vacancy. The Board, after assessing the implications of the vacancies on the balance and range of skills of the Executive Board, will draw up the suggested profiles of the new members required to maintain that balance and range of skills. The Executive Board will communicate this information to the Chair of the Governing Body and the Chair of the Donors Council.
2. To the extent possible, the selection and appointment of new members to fill vacancies on the Executive Board will normally take place once every two years, and cover two consecutive yearly appointments, at times to be agreed upon between Bureau and the Donors' Council.

**B. SELECTION AND APPOINTMENTS BY THE GOVERNING BODY**

3. The Governing Body of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (the Governing Body), unless it otherwise decides in future, authorizes its Bureau to carry out the selection of candidates for appointment as members to the Executive Board under Article 5 of the Constitution of the Global Crop Diversity Trust.
4. The Bureau will decide on its own procedures for the selection and appointment of members of the Executive Board to be appointed by the Governing Body.
5. The Bureau will decide on the procedures by which potential candidatures may be brought to its attention by Contracting Parties.
6. Where a vacancy to be filled by the Governing Body on the Board falls due or arises, and the Bureau calls for nominations and suggestions, and receives more candidates than the vacancy or vacancies to be filled at any given time, the Bureau shall select the candidate or candidates to fill the vacancy or vacancies through voting. In so doing, it shall adhere to the general Rules for Elections established by the FAO Conference, taking into account the requirements under Article 5 (1) (a) of the Constitution of the Trust.

**C. SELECTION AND APPOINTMENTS BY THE DONORS' COUNCIL**

7. The Donors' Council will decide on its own procedures for the selection and appointment of members of the Executive Board to be appointed by the Donors' Council.
8. The Donors' Council will decide on the method for filling unforeseen vacancies, which are to be filled by it, that may arise during the intersessional period, for reasons such as retirement, death, incapacity or other such reasons.
9. Where a vacancy to be filled by the Donors' Council falls due or arises, and the Donors' Council calls for nominations and suggestions, and receives more candidates than the vacancy or vacancies to be filled at any given time, the Donors' Council will select the candidate or candidates to fill the vacancy or vacancies through voting.

**D. CONSULTATIONS AMONG THE APPOINTING ENTITIES**

10. Where a vacancy to be filled by the Governing Body or the Donors' Council on the Executive Board falls due or arises, the Bureau and the Donors' Council, with other appointing entities, will hold consultations among themselves under Article 5 (2) of the Constitution of the Global Crop Diversity Trust, on the issue of balance and range of skills required by the Executive Board of the Global Crop Diversity Trust.

11. Consultations among the appointing entities for the purpose of achieving the balance and the range of skills required by the Executive Board of the Global Crop Diversity Trust may take the form of written advice, phone calls, other forms of electronic communication or personal representation and report at meetings.

12. Where personal representation is considered necessary or feasible by the Bureau, it may invite the Chairperson or other representative of the Donors' Council to attend its meeting, where the selection/appointment of members of Executive Board of the Global Crop Diversity Trust is on the agenda, to consult on options for the balance and range of skills required by the Executive Board of the Global Crop Diversity Trust. The date of a meeting of the Bureau where selection and appointment of members of the Board is on the agenda will be communicated to the Executive Secretary of the Trust within a reasonable time prior to the date of the meeting.

13. The Bureau, if invited by the Donors' Council, may request the Chairperson or any Vice-Chair of the Governing Body to attend the meeting, or meetings, of the Donors' Council where the selection/appointment of Board members is on the agenda to consult, on its behalf, on options for the balance and range of skills within the Executive Board of the Global Crop Diversity Trust.

**E. FACTORS COMMON TO SELECTION AND APPOINTMENTS BY THE GOVERNING BODY AND THE DONORS' COUNCIL**

14. In the consideration of candidates for appointment under these procedures, the Bureau and the Donors' Council should ensure that their functions are carried out in such a manner as to avoid unnecessary public embarrassment to unsuccessful candidates for membership of the Executive Board.

15. Upon the selection of a candidate or candidates by the Bureau or the Donors' Council, the Secretary of the Governing Body or the Chair of the Donors' Council, as the case may be, shall contact the candidate or candidates in order to confirm their willingness to serve on the Executive Board of the Global Crop Diversity Trust.

16. The appointment of any candidate or candidates selected by the Bureau will be made by the Chairperson of the Governing Body, on behalf of the Governing Body. The appointment of any candidate or candidates selected by the Donors' Council will be made by the Chair of the Donors' Council, on behalf of the Donors' Council.

17. Upon receiving the confirmation from the candidate or candidates of their willingness to serve, the Chairperson of the Governing Body and the Chair of the Donors' Council will communicate, in writing, to the Executive Board of the Global Crop Diversity Trust informing it of the appointment or appointments, and report to the Governing Body and the Donors' Council, as the case maybe, at their next sessions following such an appointment or appointments.