



# 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 4/2013

## COOPERATION WITH THE COMMISSION ON GENETIC RESOURCES FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

### THE GOVERNING BODY,

**Recalling** Resolution 7/2009 and Resolution 8/2011 referring to cooperation with the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture;

**Welcomes** the *Second Global Plan of Action for Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (Second Global Plan of Action)* as adopted by the FAO Council, at its Hundred and Forty-third Session;

**Notes** that the *Second Global Plan of Action* specifies that the extent to which developing countries and countries with economies in transition will effectively meet their commitments under the *Second Global Plan of Action* will largely depend on the effective implementation of the International Treaty and its Funding Strategy;

1. **Notes** that the *Second Global Plan of Action* specifies that through the monitoring of the Funding Strategy of the International Treaty, the Governing Body will be able to monitor resources available for the implementation of the *Second Global Plan of Action*;
2. **Welcomes** the invitation by the Commission to provide, “in its review report on the implementation of the Funding Strategy, an assessment of achievements, the gaps and financial and other needs for the implementation of the *Second Global Plan of Action*, in order to strengthen the Funding Strategy, in particular the Benefit-sharing Fund,” and **agrees** to provide this assessment to the Commission’s Sixteenth Regular Session;
3. **Welcomes** the invitation from the Commission to support work in the area of on-farm management of plant genetic resources for food and agriculture, and **invites** the Commission to take into account the work being carried on by the Governing Body in this area, and further **requests** that work in preparation of a global network be coordinated with the Secretariat of the Governing Body;
4. **Welcomes** the invitation by the Commission to the Governing Body, in its continued governance of plant genetic resources for food and agriculture, to continue to closely coordinate with the Commission, in order to address in a complementary way the distinctive features of plant genetic resources for food and agriculture, especially in the light of the development of access and benefit-sharing measures at both national and international levels and **requests** the Secretary to cooperate with the Secretary of the Commission in the development of awareness-raising

activities and targeted capacity-building and technical assistance activities at national level with regard to access and benefit-sharing for different subsectors of genetic resources for food and agriculture, and *notes* that the Commission will consider, at its next Session, Draft Elements to Facilitate Domestic Implementation of Access and Benefit-Sharing for Different Subsectors of Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture, taking into account relevant international instruments on access and benefit-sharing;

5. **Requests** the Secretary and the Chair of the Governing Body and, as necessary, the Bureau to maintain contact between sessions with their respective counterparts, in order to promote synergy in the implementation of the programmes of work of the two bodies, including in the area of access and benefit-sharing;
6. **Welcomes** the *Genebank Standards for Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture* as endorsed by the Commission, at its Fourteenth Regular Session;
7. **Requests** the Secretary to continue providing information to the Commission on the importance of on-going work of the Governing Body that is supportive to the work of the Commission, and *invites* the Commission to enhance synergies and avoid duplication of efforts;
8. **Requests** the Secretary to continue strengthening collaboration with the Secretary of the Commission to promote coherence in the development and implementation of the respective programmes of work of the two bodies, and with the FAO technical services and decentralized offices to support of capacity building for plant genetic resources for food and agriculture, in particular at regional level;
9. **Encourages** again a close cooperation between the Commission and the Governing Body, and agrees to keep the matter of a functional division of tasks and activities between the Commission and the Governing Body, within their respective mandates, under review;
10. **Requests** the Secretary to provide, in collaboration with the Secretary of the Commission, the additional information, particularly in respect of financial and administrative implications, that is necessary to take a decision on the transfer of tasks or activities;
11. **Requests** the early circulation of documents providing the additional information necessary to facilitate the decision-making process and requests the Bureau, in consultation with the Bureau of the Commission, to continue exploring options for close cooperation between the Commission and the Governing Body.