



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 5/2013
RELATIONSHIP WITH THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY

THE GOVERNING BODY,

Recalling that Article 1.2 of the Treaty provides that the objectives of the Treaty will be attained by closely linking this Treaty to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and to the Convention on Biological Diversity, and that Article 19.3(g) and (l) of the Treaty provides for the Governing Body to establish and maintain cooperation with, as well as take note of the relevant decisions of, the Conference of Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity;

Recalling that Article 3 of the Treaty provides that the Treaty relates to all plant genetic resources for food and agriculture;

Noting the outcomes of the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity that are of relevance to the Treaty, in particular its Decisions on the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from Their Utilization (the Nagoya Protocol), the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 (the Strategic Plan);

Recalling its Decision, by Resolution 8/2011, to establish and maintain cooperation with the Open-ended *Ad Hoc* Intergovernmental Committee for the Nagoya Protocol established by the Conference of Parties to the Convention, and, upon the entry into force of the Protocol, with the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol;

Recalling that, in adopting the Nagoya Protocol, the Conference of Parties recognized the International Treaty as one of the complementary instruments that constitute the International Regime on access to genetic resources and benefit-sharing;

Noting Article 4 of the Nagoya Protocol on the relationship between the Nagoya Protocol and other international agreements;

Noting that, at the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20), Governments affirmed the importance of implementing the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and achieving the Aichi Biodiversity Targets;

Noting also the potential contribution of information, technical and scientific cooperation and related capacity-building under the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services to the implementation of the Convention and the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the Treaty;

Taking into account the provisions of Article 20.5 of the Treaty that requires the Secretary to cooperate with the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity;

Recalling the Memorandum of Cooperation and Joint Initiative that the Secretary of the Governing Body concluded with the Executive Secretary of the Convention for institutional cooperation between the two Secretariats in areas of mutual interest and within their respective mandates;

Recalling Resolution 8/2011 by which the Governing Body requested the Secretary to report on cooperation with the Secretariat of the Convention at each Session of the Governing Body;

Cognizant of the importance to further enhance the cooperation and synergies between the Treaty and the Convention on Biological Diversity, their respective intergovernmental bodies and Secretariats, as well as with other biodiversity-related conventions;

1. **Reiterates** the importance of maintaining a close cooperation with the Convention on Biological Diversity and its Conference of Parties as well as its subsidiary bodies and Secretariat, in order to ensure the harmonious implementation of the Treaty and the Convention;
2. **Looks forward** to the entry into force of the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization and its full implementation, in harmony with the Treaty, in the interest of the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity;
3. Again, **calls on** Contracting Parties to ensure that any legislative, administrative or policy measures taken for the implementation of both the Treaty and the Convention on Biological Diversity or its Nagoya Protocol, are consistent and mutually supportive;
4. **Requests** the national focal points of the Treaty to enhance their collaboration and coordination with their counterpart national focal points for the Convention on Biological Diversity on all relevant processes, in particular in the review and updating of their National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans in order to take into account the objectives of the Treaty and the updated *Global Plan of Action on Conservation and Sustainable Use of Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture*;
5. **Welcomes** the establishment of the Intergovernmental Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) and encourages the platform to fully recognize the provisions of the Treaty in providing relevant biodiversity information in order to support the implementation of the objectives of the Treaty in harmony with the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Strategic Plan 2011-2020, as well as the objectives of other biodiversity-related conventions, as appropriate;
6. **Requests** the Secretary to continue strengthening the collaboration with the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity in the implementation of the Convention's programme of work on agricultural biodiversity, on-farm and *in-situ* conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity, as well as on the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011 - 2020 and its Aichi Biodiversity Targets, in harmony with the work of the Treaty;
7. **Takes note** of the Joint Initiative entered into between the Secretary and the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity in the context of the Memorandum of Cooperation between the two Secretariats and commends the Secretary for the initiative, and **requests** the Secretary, to the extent possible, to continue exploring with the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, practical means and activities to give effect to this cooperation, including through the organization of workshops, seminars and other events, coordination of technical assistance as well as the exchange of expertise and information;
8. **Takes note** of the relevant initiatives to increase synergies among the biodiversity-related conventions, and **requests** the Secretary, subject to the availability of human and financial resources, to continue to participate in and/or contribute to the relevant meetings of the

Convention on Biological Diversity, the Open-ended *Ad Hoc* Intergovernmental Committee for the Nagoya Protocol, including the work on development of the ABS Clearing House Mechanism, as well as the Liaison Group of Biodiversity-related Conventions and the Intergovernmental Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services, where relevant;

9. **Welcomes** the *modus operandi* adopted by the Biodiversity Liaison Group to enhance coordination, coherence and national-level synergies among the biodiversity-related conventions, and **invites** international organizations and donors to provide financial resources to support efforts that encourage synergies in policy development and the fulfilment of obligations under the biodiversity-related conventions;

10. **Welcomes** the efforts of the Secretariat and its partners to bring together stakeholders and experts involved in the implementation of the Treaty, the Convention, and the Nagoya Protocol, and **requests** the Secretary, subject to the availability of human and financial resources, to continue facilitating such interaction on the mutual supportiveness and harmonious implementation of the instruments, including through the organisation of workshops and other events and report to the Governing Body the outcomes of such activities;

11. **Requests** the Secretary to continue reporting on the cooperation with the Convention at each Session of the Governing Body.