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Report on Compliance <i>Corrigendum to the Standard Reporting Format</i>

Executive Summary

This document provides a proposal for a corrigendum to the *Standard Reporting Format* referred to in Section V.1 of the *Procedures and Operational Mechanisms to Promote Compliance and Address Issues of Non-Compliance*, contained in Annex 2 to Resolution 9/2013. The corrigendum would consist of changes suggested by a Contracting Party Region based on its recollection of the decision of the Governing Body at its Fifth Session.

Guidance Sought

The Governing Body is invited to consider and approve the proposed changes to the *Standard Reporting Format* contained in this document.

I. BACKGROUND

1. The *Procedures and Operational Mechanisms to Promote Compliance and Address Issues of Non-Compliance*¹ set forth that each Contracting Party has to periodically submit to the Compliance Committee through the Secretary of the Treaty, a report on the measures it has taken to implement its obligations under the Treaty (Section V.1). In order to facilitate the reporting by Contracting Parties pursuant to this provision, the Compliance Committee developed a voluntary *Standard Reporting Format* for consideration and approval of the Governing Body.
2. At its Fifth Session, the Governing Body approved the *Standard Reporting Format Pursuant to Section V.1 of the Procedures and Operational Mechanisms to Promote Compliance and Address Issues of Non-Compliance*. The Report of the Fifth Session of the Governing Body contains the *Standard Reporting Format* in Annex 2 to Resolution 9/2013.² The *Standard Reporting Format* thus constitutes a self-standing document approved by the Governing Body.
3. After publication of the Report of the Fifth Session of the Governing Body, a Contracting Party Region informed the Secretary that the Report did not reflect the final agreement reached by the Governing Body and that it erroneously incorporated an earlier draft of the *Standard Reporting Format*. The Region also informed that it would contact and seek the agreement of the other Regions to correct the *Standard Reporting Format*.
4. Since the *Standard Reporting Format* constitutes a self-standing document, the Governing Body is invited to approve the corrections proposed. The Secretariat has accordingly prepared this brief document to inform the Governing Body of the proposed correction to the *Standard Reporting Format*, as reproduced below, and to seek its approval for their implementation.

II. PROPOSED CORRIGENDUM TO QUESTION 19 OF THE STANDARD REPORTING FORMAT

5. The following textbox contains the changes suggested by the Contracting Party Region to reflect what it remembers as the final agreement reached by the Governing Body at its Fifth Session. In order to facilitate comparison with the text of the Report, proposed additions are washed in grey, proposed deletions are struck through.

Article 9: Farmers' Rights

19. Subject to national law, as appropriate, ~~Have~~ have any measures been taken to protect and promote farmers rights in your country?

Yes

No

If your answer is 'yes', please indicate whether such measures were related to:

Recognition of the enormous contribution ~~of~~ that local and indigenous communities and farmers of all regions of the world have made and will continue to make for ~~to~~ the conservation, ~~and~~ development ~~and use~~ of plant genetic resources;

¹ Resolution 2/2011, Annex.

² IT/GB-5/13/Report, Appendix A, page 44.

- The protection of traditional knowledge relevant to PGRFA;
- The right to equitably participate in sharing benefits arising from the utilisation of PGRFA;
- The right to participate in making decisions, at the national level, on matters related to the conservation and sustainable use of PGRFA.
- Any rights that farmers have ~~The right~~ to save, use, exchange, and sell farm-saved seed/propagating material.

If such measures were taken, please provide details of the measures taken and any difficulties encountered in implementing them:

III. GUIDANCE SOUGHT

6. The Governing Body is invited to consider and approve the corrections proposed to Question 19 of the *Standard Reporting Format Pursuant to Section V.1 of the Procedures and Operational Mechanisms to Promote Compliance and Address Issues of Non-Compliance*, contained in Annex 2 to Resolution 9/2013, so that it reads as follows:

Article 9: Farmers' Rights

19. Subject to national law, as appropriate, have any measures been taken to protect and promote farmers rights in your country?

- Yes
- No

If your answer is 'yes', please indicate whether such measures were related to:

- Recognition of the enormous contribution that local and indigenous communities and farmers of all regions of the world have made and will continue to make for the conservation, and development of plant genetic resources;
- The protection of traditional knowledge relevant to PGRFA;
- The right to equitably participate in sharing benefits arising from the utilisation of PGRFA;
- The right to participate in making decisions, at the national level, on matters related to the conservation and sustainable use of PGRFA.
- Any rights that farmers have to save, use, exchange, and sell farm-saved seed/propagating material.

If such measures were taken, please provide details of the measures taken and any difficulties encountered in implementing them:

