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**The International Treaty**  
ON PLANT GENETIC RESOURCES  
FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

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## RESOLUTION 2/2015

### IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FUNDING STRATEGY OF THE INTERNATIONAL TREATY

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#### THE GOVERNING BODY,

*Recalling* Articles 13.2, 13.3, 18 and 19.3f of the International Treaty;

*Recalling* previous Resolutions on the implementation of the Funding Strategy;

*Recalling* that, at its Fifth Session, it noted with concern the large shortfall of funding that had accumulated in the Benefit-sharing Fund in relation to the target of US\$ 23 million annually established by the Governing Body, at its Third Session, for the period between July 2009 and December 2014;

*Recalling* Resolution 2/2013, by which it accordingly decided to establish the *Ad Hoc* Open-ended Working Group to Enhance the Functioning of the Multilateral System (the “Working Group”);

*Having considered* the report of the Working Group, and having heard the report of the Co-Chairs;

#### PART I: REVIEW OF THE FUNDING STRATEGY

1. *Recognizes* that the enhancement of the Multilateral System requires the enhancement of other mechanisms of the International Treaty, in particular the Funding Strategy;
2. *Recognizes* that an effective Funding Strategy is critical to the implementation of the Treaty, so it should be regularly reviewed by the Governing Body;
3. *Agrees* that, at its Seventh Session, it will undertake a review of the Funding Strategy with a view to enhance its functioning, and, in order to provide a basis for this review, *decides* to reconvene the *Ad Hoc* Advisory Committee on the Funding Strategy in the 2016–2017 biennium, with the following Terms of Reference:
  - a. Assess the results achieved by the Funding Strategy in view of its objective “to enhance the availability, transparency, efficiency and effectiveness of the provision of financial resources to implement activities under this Treaty”;
  - b. Assess the implementation of the *Strategic Plan for the implementation of the Benefit-sharing Fund 2009–2014*, and update it, including the development of a funding target for the Benefit-Sharing Fund for the 2018–2023 period, taking into account a needs-analysis on the basis of such information sources, such as the *Second Global Plan of Action for Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture*, as well as the target for the endowment fund of the Global Crop Diversity Trust, and a scenarios-analysis on the possible impacts of the measures to ensure sustainable and predictable income to the Benefit-sharing Fund for the enhancement of the Multilateral System to be proposed by the *Ad Hoc* Open-ended Working Group to Enhance the Functioning of the Multilateral System, as mandated in Resolution 1/2015;

- c. Taking into account these assessments, develop measures to strengthen the programmatic approach of the Benefit-sharing Fund, in order to make the Fund's operations more attractive and predictable to prospective donors and recipients, including to:
    - (1) Improve thematic coherence between individual projects, and over project cycles, including by reconsidering the current arrangements for project execution;
    - (2) Develop a long-term investment strategy for the Benefit-sharing Fund, with objectives, expected results and indicators and an appropriate monitoring and evaluation system;
    - (3) Promote synergy between the Benefit-sharing Fund and the Funding Strategy, of which it is a part;
  - d. Consider the development of other measures to strengthen the implementation of the overall Funding Strategy, including to ensure the sustainability and predictability in the provision of financial resources to elements of the Funding Strategy, other than the Benefit-sharing Fund;
  - e. Consider the possibility to welcome contributions with a regional or crop priority focus, taking into account the results of the exceptional arrangement contained in paragraph 14 below;
  - f. Advise on resource mobilization efforts during the biennium, and in particular to enhance cooperation with Official Development Assistance agencies;
  - g. Consider the link between increased user-base payments and exploration of proposals to develop a mechanism of contribution by Contracting Parties, in accordance with Article 18.4 of the Treaty;
  - h. Consider the resource mobilization opportunities in the implementation of the relevant provisions of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and in strengthening appropriate cooperation with entities such as, through appropriate channels, the Global Environment Facility, the Global Crop Diversity Trust, the CGIAR, and the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC);
4. **Requests** Regional Groups to nominate, by 31 December 2015, their two regional representatives to the Committee through the Bureau of the Seventh Session of the Governing Body;
  5. **Requests** the *Ad Hoc* Advisory Committee on the Funding Strategy to liaise closely with the *Ad Hoc* Open-ended Working Group to Enhance the Functioning of the Multilateral System, in executing its work;
  6. **Emphasizes** that the review of the Funding Strategy should strengthen the monitoring and facilitate the implementation of all elements of the Funding Strategy, as described in Art. 18.4 of the Treaty;
  7. **Requests** the Secretariat, subject to the revision of the Funding Strategy, to undertake preparations for a donor conference in the biennium 2017 – 2019, in order to attract more funding to the Benefit sharing Fund, subject to availability of resources.

## **PART II: SHORT-TERM MEASURES TO ENABLE RESOURCE MOBILIZATION FOR THE BENEFIT-SHARING FUND**

8. **Emphasizes** the importance of continuing and strengthening resource mobilization for the Benefit-sharing Fund, in order to sustain immediate income;
9. **Extends** the Strategic Plan and all relevant provisions, on an *ad hoc* basis, for the 2015–2017 biennium to enable the continuation of the work on resource mobilization, communication, promotion and the Treaty's branding and media presence, to enhance funding for, and the visibility of, the Benefit-sharing Fund;

- 10. Requests** the Secretary to continue the mobilization of resources through the Strategic Plan, and make use of the mechanism of the High-level Task Force to continue mobilizing funding for the Benefit-sharing Fund;
- 11. Welcomes** the financial contributions to the Benefit-sharing Fund made by Indonesia, Italy, Austria, Norway and Sweden during the 2014-2015 biennium in support of the fourth round of the project cycle of the Benefit-sharing Fund;
- 12. Urgently calls** on members of national, regional and international private sector associations, NGOs, as well as Contracting Parties and other donors, to make contributions on an exceptional basis, to allow the launch of the fourth project cycle of the Benefit-sharing Fund for at least US\$ 10 million, which was the funding level of the third project cycle, as it will support keeping momentum in the enhancement of the Multilateral System;
- 13. Requests** the Bureau of the Seventh Session of the Governing Body to review regular updates by the Secretariat on donor prospects, and consider measures to promote the fourth project cycle;
- 14. Decides**, on an exceptional basis, as a pilot project, to welcome contributions with a regional or crop priority focus, upon approval by the Bureau, for the next Benefit-sharing Fund project cycle;
- 15. Welcomes** the contribution made by the European Seed Association to the Benefit-sharing Fund as the first collective contribution from actors of the European seed sector, and **appeals** to others in the seed sector and in the food processing industries to make similar contributions.