



Food and Agriculture
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The International Treaty
ON PLANT GENETIC RESOURCES
FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

RESOLUTION 10/2015

COOPERATION WITH OTHER INTERNATIONAL BODIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

THE GOVERNING BODY:

Cognizant of the importance of developing and maintaining cooperation with the relevant international organizations, institutions and partners, whose work relate to the Treaty, in order to advance the Treaty's objectives;

Welcoming the ongoing activities and initiatives undertaken by the Treaty Secretariat during this biennium, aimed at enhancing partnerships and collaborations with relevant international organizations;

Noting the continued significant support to the objectives of the Treaty by the International Agricultural Research Centers (IARCs) of the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR);

Noting the need to continue providing developing country Contracting Parties with assistance in the implementation of the Treaty and its Multilateral System of Access and Benefit-sharing in particular, and **further noting** the progress made during this biennium in the implementation of the Joint Capacity Building Programme;

Recalling the need to strengthen cooperation with other international organizations in order to enhance the implementation of the Funding Strategy and, especially, its Benefit-sharing Fund;

Noting, with appreciation, the work of the biodiversity-related conventions to strengthen synergies among them, and further **stressing** the importance of supporting the biodiversity-related conventions to improve collaboration, communication and coordination at all levels;

Further taking note of the adoption of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the sustainable development goals, in particular targets 2.5 and 15.6 related to the conservation, access and benefit-sharing of genetic resources;

1. **Reaffirms** the need to continue the efforts necessary to ensure that the Treaty's objectives and role in the conservation and sustainable utilization of plant genetic resources for food and agriculture are recognized and supported by relevant international institutions, organizations and processes;
2. **Invites** Contracting Parties to take initiatives to strengthen the harmonious and mutually supportive implementation of the Treaty and other relevant international instruments and processes;
3. **Requests** the Secretary to facilitate such initiatives upon request and depending on available resources;

4. **Requests** the Secretary to continue pursuing close cooperation with the CGIAR Centers and the CGIAR governing structures at the system level, in areas of mutual benefit and support, including for the implementation of the agreements concluded under Article 15 of the International Treaty;
5. **Thanks** the institutions that have concluded agreements with the Governing Body under Article 15 of the Treaty, which have submitted the reports and invite them to continue such a practice at the next Session;
6. **Requests** the institutions that have concluded agreements with the Governing Body under Article 15 of the Treaty to report to the next session of the Governing Body, specifically and in detail, on their transfers of non-*Annex I* materials under the SMTA;
7. **Resolves** that the Seventh Session of the Governing Body will conduct a review of this use of the standard material transfer agreement to transfer plant genetic resources for food and agriculture not listed in *Annex I* of the Treaty;
8. **Invites** the institutions, which have concluded agreements with the Governing Body under Article 15 of the Treaty, to continue engaging in non-monetary benefit-sharing activities, in furtherance of the objectives of the International Treaty;
9. **Invites** institutions, that have concluded agreements with the Governing Body under Article 15 of the Treaty to harmonise their distribution policies;
10. **Invites** other relevant institutions that have not done so, to conclude agreement with the Governing Body under Article 15 of the Treaty;
11. **Requests** the Secretary to continue the collaboration with other Conventions and relevant international organizations for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, in particular the Sustainable Development Goals and Targets that interface with the Treaty's provisions;
12. **Invites** the members of the Liaison Group of the Biodiversity-related Conventions to continue their cooperation and coordination as a means to increase synergies in national implementation, in accordance with their respective mandates and subject to availability of financial resources, and **requests** the Secretary, subject to the availability of financial resources, to continue to participate in and actively contribute to the relevant activities of the Liaison Group of Biodiversity-related Conventions and the Intergovernmental Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services, where relevant;
13. **Urges** Contracting Parties to take measures to enhance synergies among the biodiversity-related conventions to promote policy coherence, improve efficiency and enhance coordination and cooperation at all levels 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;
14. **Notes** the results of the United Nations Environment Programme's project on improving the effectiveness of and cooperation among the biodiversity-related conventions and exploring opportunities for further synergies;
15. **Requests** the Secretary to continue participating in the Information and Knowledge Management Initiative of UNEP (InforMEA) and in the InforMEA Portal and to follow the work of the expert meeting on interoperability between reporting systems for biodiversity data;
16. **Requests** the Secretary to continue to strengthen the partnership and collaboration with Global Forum for Agricultural Research on the basis of existing collaboration and its roadmap;

17. **Requests** the Secretary to continue to enhance partnerships with relevant organizations such as International Fund for Agricultural Development and the Global Environment Facility to support the implementation of the Benefit-sharing Fund;
18. **Requests** the Secretary to continue participating in relevant meetings of the International Union for the Protection of New Plant Varieties and World Intellectual Property Organization, in particular the Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore;
19. **Invites** the WIPO Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore to expedite and complete its work to prepare an international legal instrument or instruments to protect genetic resources, traditional knowledge and traditional cultural expressions;
20. **Reaffirms** the need to continue the Joint Capacity Building Programme, and **calls upon** Contracting Parties and donors, on a voluntary basis, to provide additional funding to support its continuation;
21. **Requests** the Secretary to continue and further strengthen collaboration with Bioversity International in the context of the implementation of Treaty benefit-sharing mechanisms and the Joint Capacity Building Programme.