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**SECOND MEETING OF THE *AD HOC* TECHNICAL EXPERTS
GROUP ON FARMERS' RIGHTS**

Rome, Italy, 20-23 May 2019

**Compilation of Submissions from Contracting Parties and other relevant
Stakeholders**

I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its first meeting, the *Ad Hoc* Technical Expert Group on Farmers' Rights (Expert Group) considered a possible structure of the inventory based on a number of proposals made by members,¹ and agreed to utilize a Template for the purpose of collecting and collating examples of best practices and measures of implementing Farmers' Rights.²
2. The Expert Group requested the Secretary to put the template on the Treaty's website as a suggested template for further collection of submissions to be presented to the next meeting of the Expert Group.
3. In order to carry out this request, the Secretariat issued a notification inviting inputs from Contracting Parties and relevant stakeholders to update their submissions using the Template agreed to by the Expert Group.³ Additionally, Contracting Parties and relevant stakeholders that could not make any submissions previously were also invited to submit their views, best practices and measures for implementing Farmers' Rights so that these may be included in the inventory.
4. The Secretariat also used the occasion of other activities to actively reach out the Contracting Parties and stakeholders to encourage and facilitate submissions of examples of best practices and measures on the implementation of Farmers' Rights.⁴
5. Submissions were received from the following Contracting Parties: Bangladesh, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Canada, Cuba, Central African Republic, Chile, Costa Rica, Ecuador, European Union, Germany, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Libya, Madagascar, Malawi, Netherlands, Norway, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Spain, Sudan, Sweden, Switzerland, Syria, and Yemen.

¹ Appendix 4 of the AHTEG-1 Report

² Appendix 5 of the AHTEG-1 Report

³ Notification NCP GB8-017 Farmers' Rights, available at <http://www.fao.org/plant-treaty/notifications/detail-events/en/c/1175270/>.

⁴ For example, additional measures and practices on the implementation of Farmers' Rights gathered at the Asia Regional Training Workshop on Conservation and Sustainable Use of PGRFA and Farmers' Rights; Direct Contacts with the BSF Networks

6. Submissions from other relevant stakeholders were received from: Agricultural University of Tirana, Albania; African Centre of Biodiversity; African Centre for Biodiversity (ACB); Alianza Política Sector de Mujeres (AFEDES, Guatemala); Association for Plant Breeding for the Benefit of Society (APBREBES); Asociación de Organizaciones de los Cuchumatanes (ASOCUCH); Biowatch and Seed Knowledge Initiative (SKI); Center for Sustainable Development and Environment (CENESTA); Centro Internazionale Crocevia; CGIAR Centers (Bioversity International, CIAT, CIMMYT, ICARDA, ICRAF, ICRISAT, IRRD); Coordination Nationale des Organisations Paysannes du Mali (CNOP), Comité Ouest Africain des Semences Paysannes Mali (COASP-Mali) and International Planning Committee for Food Sovereignty (IPC); Comité Ouest Africain des Semences Paysannes (COASP-Burkina Faso) and International Planning Committee for Food Sovereignty (IPC); Confédération Paysanne – France; Community Technology Development Trust (CTDT) Zambia; Community Technology Development Trust (CTDT) Zimbabwe; Development Fund Norway; Eastern and Southern Africa Small-scale Farmers' Forum (ESAFF) Uganda; Fridtjof Nansen Institute (FNI), Norway; Karnataka Rajya Raitha Sangha (KRRS), India; Local Initiatives for Biodiversity, Research and Development (LI-BIRD), Nepal; National Semi-Arid Resources Research Institute (NaSARRI), Uganda; Oxfam Novib, Netherlands; Participatory Ecological Land Use Management Zimbabwe (PELUM-ZWE); ProSpecieRara Switzerland; Southeast Asia Regional Initiative for Community Empowerment (SEARICE); Rete Semi Rurali Italy; Third World Network (TWN) and World Agricultural Heritage Foundation (WAHF).

7. Submissions were also received from non-Contracting Parties: South Africa and Thailand.

8. Following the guidance of the Expert Group, all the submissions and information received were reviewed, categorized and presented in the document, IT/GB-8/AHTEG-FR-2/19/3, *Inventory of national measures, best practices and lessons learned from the realization of Farmers' Rights as set in Article 9 of the International Treaty*.

9. This document compiles the submissions received, in preparation for the second meeting of the Expert Group. All submissions were posted on the website of the International Treaty, in the form and languages in which they were received by the Secretariat.⁵

II. SUBMISSIONS OF MEASURES AND PRACTICES ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF FARMERS' RIGHTS RECEIVED FROM THE CONTRACTING PARTIES AND RELEVANT STAKEHOLDERS

Contracting Parties

1. Bangladesh, received on 5 February 2019. Available at: <http://www.fao.org/3/ca4105en/ca4105en.pdf>
2. Benin, received on 18 January 2019. Available at: <http://www.fao.org/3/ca4106en/ca4106en.pdf>
3. Bhutan, received on 26 April 2019. Available at: <http://www.fao.org/3/ca4346en/ca4346en.pdf>
4. Plurinational State of Bolivia, received on 27 December 2018. Available at: <http://www.fao.org/3/ca4108en/ca4108en.pdf>
5. Canada, received on 26 April 2019. Available at: <http://www.fao.org/3/ca4435en/ca4435en.pdf>

⁵ <http://www.fao.org/plant-treaty/areas-of-work/farmers-rights/submissions-by-the-contracting-parties-and-stakeholders/en/>

6. Central African Republic, received on 4 February 2019. Available at: <http://www.fao.org/3/ca4110en/ca4110en.pdf>
7. Chile, received on 15 March 2019. Available at: <http://www.fao.org/3/ca4124en/ca4124en.pdf>
8. Costa Rica, received on 28 February 2019. Available at: <http://www.fao.org/3/ca4128en/ca4128en.pdf>
9. Cuba, received on 22 April 2019. Available at: <http://www.fao.org/3/ca4347en/ca4347en.pdf>
10. Ecuador, received on 03 February 2019. Available at: <http://www.fao.org/3/ca4133en/ca4133en.pdf>
11. European Union (EU), received on 8 March 2019. Available at: <http://www.fao.org/3/ca4137en/ca4137en.pdf>
12. Germany, received on 18 February 2019. Available at: <http://www.fao.org/3/ca4139en/ca4139en.pdf>
13. India, received on 12 February 2019. Available at: <http://www.fao.org/3/ca4140en/ca4140en.pdf>
14. Indonesia, received on 4 February 2019. Available at: <http://www.fao.org/3/ca4141en/ca4141en.pdf>
15. Italy, received on 8 February 2019. Available at: <http://www.fao.org/3/ca4142en/ca4142en.pdf>
16. Japan, received on 5 February 2019. Available at: <http://www.fao.org/3/ca4143en/ca4143en.pdf>
17. Libya, received on 1 January 2019. Available at: <http://www.fao.org/3/ca4146en/ca4146en.pdf>
18. Madagascar, received on 30 January 2019. Available at: <http://www.fao.org/3/ca4148en/ca4148en.pdf>
19. Malawi, received on 7 February 2019. Available at: <http://www.fao.org/3/ca4149en/ca4149en.pdf>
20. Netherlands, received on 21 January 2019. Available at: <http://www.fao.org/3/ca4161en/ca4161en.pdf>
21. Norway, received on 5 February 2019. Available at: <http://www.fao.org/3/ca4162en/ca4162en.pdf>
22. Peru, received on 11 February 2019. Available at: <http://www.fao.org/3/ca4165en/ca4165en.pdf>
23. Philippines, received on 12 February 2019. Available at: <http://www.fao.org/3/ca4166en/ca4166en.pdf>

24. Poland, received on 4 February 2019. Available at: <http://www.fao.org/3/ca4167en/ca4167en.pdf>
25. Spain, received on 18 January 2019. Available at: <http://www.fao.org/3/ca4172en/ca4172en.pdf>
26. Sudan, received on 5 February 2019. Available at: <http://www.fao.org/3/ca4173en/ca4173en.pdf>
27. Sweden, received on 4 January 2019. Available at: <http://www.fao.org/3/ca4174en/ca4174en.pdf>
28. Switzerland, received on 5 January 2019. Available at: <http://www.fao.org/3/ca4175en/ca4175en.pdf>
29. Syria, received on 28 January 2019. Available at: <http://www.fao.org/3/ca4176en/ca4176en.pdf>
30. Yemen, received on 20 March 2019. Available at: <http://www.fao.org/3/ca4180en/ca4180en.pdf>

Other Stakeholders

31. African Centre for Biodiversity (ACB), received on 5 February 2019. Available at: <http://www.fao.org/3/ca4102en/ca4102en.pdf>
32. Agricultural University of Tirana, Albania, received on 8 April 2019. Available at: <http://www.fao.org/3/ca4242en/ca4242en.pdf>
33. Alianza Política Sector de Mujeres (AFEDES), Guatemala, received on 6 February 2019. Available at: <http://www.fao.org/3/ca4094en/ca4094en.pdf>
34. Association for Plant Breeding for the Benefit of Society (APBREBES), received on 5 February 2019. Available at: <http://www.fao.org/3/ca4103en/ca4103en.pdf>
35. Asociación de Organizaciones de los Cuchumatanes ASOCUCH, received on 21 January 2019. Available at: <http://www.fao.org/3/ca4104en/ca4104en.pdf>
36. Biowatch and Seed Knowledge Initiative (SKI), received on 5 February 2019. Available at: <http://www.fao.org/3/ca4107en/ca4107en.pdf>
37. Center for Sustainable Development and Environment (CENESTA), received on 4 February 2019. Available at: <http://www.fao.org/3/ca4109en/ca4109en.pdf>
38. Centro Internazionale Crocevia, received on 5 February 2019. Available at: <http://www.fao.org/3/ca4122en/ca4122en.pdf>
39. CGIAR Research Centers (Bioersivity International, CIAT, CIMMYT, ICARDA, ICRAF, ICRISAT, IRRI), received on 13 February 2019. Available at: <http://www.fao.org/3/ca4123en/ca4123en.pdf>

40. Coordination Nationale des Organisations Paysannes du Mali (CNOP), Comité Ouest Africain des Semences Paysannes Mali (COASP-Mali) and International Planning Committee for Food Sovereignty (IPC), receive don 6 February 2019. Available at: <http://www.fao.org/3/ca4125en/ca4125en.pdf>
41. Comité Ouest Africain des Semences Paysannes (COASP-Burkina Faso) and International Planning Committee for Food Sovereignty (IPC), received on 5 f February 2019. Available at: <http://www.fao.org/3/ca4126en/ca4126en.pdf>
42. Confédération Paysanne – France, received on 2 January 2019. Available at: <http://www.fao.org/3/ca4127en/ca4127en.pdf>
43. Community Technology Development Trust (CTDT) Zambia, received on 4 February 2019. Available at: <http://www.fao.org/3/ca4129en/ca4129en.pdf>
44. Community Technology Development Trust (CTDT) Zimbabwe, received on 22 January 2019. Available at: <http://www.fao.org/3/ca4130en/ca4130en.pdf>
45. Development Fund Norway, received on 3 February 2019. Available at: <http://www.fao.org/3/ca4131en/ca4131en.pdf>
46. Eastern and Southern Africa Small-scale Farmers' Forum (ESAFF) Uganda, received on 20 January 2019. Available at: <http://www.fao.org/3/ca4135en/ca4135en.pdf>
47. Fridtjof Nansen Institute (FNI), received on 28 February 2019. Available at: <http://www.fao.org/3/ca4138en/ca4138en.pdf>
48. Karnataka Rajya Raitha Sangha (KRRS), India, received on 3 February 2019. Available at: <http://www.fao.org/3/ca4144en/ca4144en.pdf>
49. Local Initiatives for Biodiversity, Research and Development (LI-BIRD), Nepal, received on 20 January 2019. Available: <http://www.fao.org/3/ca4145en/ca4145en.pdf>
50. National Semi-Arid Resources Research Institute (NaSARRI), Uganda, received on 11 April 2019. Available at: <http://www.fao.org/3/ca4243en/ca4243en.pdf>
51. Oxfam Novib, Netherlands, received on 5 February 2019. Available at: <http://www.fao.org/3/ca4163en/ca4163en.pdf>
52. Participatory Ecological Land Use Management Zimbabwe (PELUM-ZWE), received on 6 February 2019. Available at: <http://www.fao.org/3/ca4164en/ca4164en.pdf>
53. ProSpecieRara Switzerland, 6 February 2019. Available at: <http://www.fao.org/3/ca4168en/ca4168en.pdf>
54. Rete Semi Rurali, Italy, received on 7 February 2019. Available at: <http://www.fao.org/3/ca4170en/ca4170en.pdf>

55. Southeast Asia Regional Initiative for Community Empowerment (SEARICE), received on 5 February 2019. Available at: <http://www.fao.org/3/ca4169en/ca4169en.pdf>
56. Third World Network, received on 6 February 2019. Available at: <http://www.fao.org/3/ca4178en/ca4178en.pdf>
57. World Agricultural Heritage Foundation (WAHF), received on 10 February 2019. Available at: <http://www.fao.org/3/ca4179en/ca4179en.pdf>

III. Non contracting parties

58. South Africa, received on 19 March 2019. Available at: <http://www.fao.org/3/ca4171en/ca4171en.pdf>
59. Thailand, received on 5 February 2019. Available at: <http://www.fao.org/3/ca4177en/ca4177en.pdf>