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**ELEVENTH MEETING OF THE *AD HOC* ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE  
FUNDING STRATEGY AND RESOURCE MOBILIZATION**

**Rome, Italy, 8 – 10 May 2019**

**REPORT OF THE THIRD MEETING OF THE COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE**

This document contains a short summary of the key changes to the questions of the Standard Reporting Format for the drafting of national reports on Treaty Implementation, that are considered of relevance to the Funding Strategy. The Standard Reporting Format was reviewed at the Third Meeting of the Compliance Committee which took place in February 2019. A link to the full report of this meeting is also contained in this document.

This responds to the decision of the Governing Body set out in paragraph 7 iv) of Resolution 3/2017 to reconvene the Committee in order to develop the updated Funding Strategy, including to recommend measures to enable synchronizing and coordinating the reporting on the Funding Strategy with other reporting requirements, in collaboration with the Compliance Committee.

## **Key changes to the questions of the Standard Reporting Format that are of relevance for the Funding Strategy**

### **Review of the Standard Reporting Format**

1. At its Third meeting in February 2019, the Compliance Committee reviewed the Standard Reporting Format for the drafting of the national reports on the implementation of the International Treaty. In doing so, it took into consideration that the submissions from Contracting Parties are relevant for the work of various subsidiary bodies, including the Ad Hoc Committee on the Funding Strategy and Resource Mobilization. The Compliance Committee modified the wording of questions related to the following Articles of the International Treaty, among others, with the view to further standardize the analysis of future submissions:

#### *Article 7: National Commitments and International Cooperation*

Contracting Parties are invited to indicate if conservation, exploration, collection, characterization, evaluation, documentation and sustainable use of PGRFA have been integrated into their programmes and policies. For the reply, they will have now a list of options: agriculture and rural development, food security, biodiversity conservation, climate change, and others for which they can provide the details.

#### *Article 8: Technical Assistance*

When a Contracting Party reports that it has provided technical assistance to developing countries and countries with economies in transition to facilitate the implementation of the International Treaty, it will be also invited to indicate through which kind of measures: exchange of information, access to and transfer of technology, and capacity building.

#### *Article 13: Benefit-sharing in the Multilateral System*

When a Contracting Party provides information regarding *Annex I* PGRFA, several options are now provided for the response: catalogues and inventories, information on technologies, results of scientific and socio-economic research, including characterisation, evaluation and utilisation, and other.

#### *Article 18: Financial Resources*

Contracting Parties will be invited to indicate if they have developed a strategy or other measures to enhance the availability, transparency, efficiency and effectiveness of the provision of financial resources to implement the International Treaty.

Furthermore, the questions related to this Article now differentiate between cases of funds received and funds provided with two separate questions (recipient/donor). Additionally, the new format invites Contracting Parties to report on the estimated amount of funds provided or received during the five years preceding the reporting and the type of channel (bilateral, regional or multilateral), and invites them to provide additional details.

2. The revised Standard Reporting Format is contained in the Report of the Committee and will be brought to the attention of the Governing Body for its consideration at its Eighth Session in November 2019 – see Annex 3 to Appendix 2 of the Report of the Third Meeting of the Compliance Committee which can be accessed on the Treaty website here:

<http://www.fao.org/3/CA3508EN/ca3508en.pdf>