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**FOURTH MEETING OF THE *AD-HOC* OPEN-ENDED WORKING GROUP TO
ENHANCE THE FUNCTIONING OF THE MULTILATERAL SYSTEM**

Rome, Italy, 2 October 2015

**SUBMISSIONS RECEIVED BY THE WORKING GROUP DURING THE
BIENNIUM, IN PREPARATION FOR THE SUBSCRIPTION SYSTEM AND
THE DRAFT REVISED STANDARD MATERIAL TRANSFER AGREEMENT**

Executive Summary

The Working Group, during the biennium, benefited from a significant number of submissions from Contracting Parties, Regions and a wide range of stakeholders, many of whose ideas it took into account in its deliberations.

This document compiles these submissions, in language and form, as well as in the sequence, in which they had been received by the Secretary.

I. INTRODUCTION

1. The *Ad Hoc* Open-ended Working Group to Enhance the Functioning of the Multilateral System (Working Group), at its second meeting, requested analysis and input on a number of issues from Working Group Members, stakeholders and others. It particularly welcomed further analyses and textual elements on ways of implementing a subscription system in the context of Article 6.11 of the Standard Material Transfer Agreement and beyond.
2. During its third meeting, the Working Group received further submissions and inputs from Working Group Members on the subscription system, a possible revised Standard Material Transfer Agreement and other issues.
3. At its third meeting, the Working Group requested the Secretary to prepare a revised Standard Material Transfer Agreement that includes provision for a subscription system. In preparing the draft revised Standard Material Transfer Agreement, the Secretary was requested to take into account relevant submissions he would receive.
4. The Appendices to this document contain all such submissions received by the Secretary before, during and after the third meeting of the Working Group.

List of Appendixes

I. Submissions received after the third meeting of the Working Group, in preparation for the draft revised Standard Material Transfer Agreement

1. Submission by Japan, received on 26 June 2015, [*Appendix 1*](#)
2. Submission by Bayer CropScience, DuPont Pioneer Hi-Bred International and Monsanto Company, received on 26 June 2015, [*Appendix 2*](#)
3. Submission by Brazil, received on 26 June 2015, [*Appendix 3*](#)
4. Submission by Australia, received on 1 July 2015, [*Appendix 4*](#)
5. Submission by the International Seed Federation, received on 8 July 2015, [*Appendix 5*](#)
6. Submission by the Berne Declaration on behalf of a group of Swiss stakeholders, received on 24 July 2015, [*Appendix 6*](#)
7. Submission by Syngenta International AG, received on 27 July 2015, [*Appendix 7*](#)

II. Submissions received during the third meeting of the Working Group

1. Submission by Japan, received on 4 June 2015, [*Appendix 8*](#)
2. Submission by the developing countries of the Asia Region, received on 4 June 2015, [*Appendix 9*](#)

III. Submissions received before the third meeting of the Working Group, as requested by the Working Group at its second meeting

1. Submission by the Berne Declaration and the Community Technology Development Trust (CTDT), received on 20 February 2015, [*Appendix 10*](#)
2. Submission by Intergrain Pty. Ltd. and Australian Grain Technologies Pty. Ltd., received on 20 February 2015, [*Appendix 11*](#)
3. Submission by Third World Network, received on 20 February 2015, [*Appendix 12*](#)
4. Submission by La Via Campesina, received on 20 February 2015, [*Appendix 13*](#)
5. Submission by Switzerland, received on 26 February 2015, [*Appendix 14*](#)
6. Submission by Japan, received on 9 March 2015, [*Appendix 15*](#)
7. Submission by the North America Region, received on 13 March 2015, [*Appendix 16*](#)

8. Submission by the International Seed Federation, received on 25 March 2015, [*Appendix 17*](#)
9. Submission by India, received on 9 April 2015, [*Appendix 18*](#)
10. Submission by the European Seed Association, received on 10 April 2015, [*Appendix 19*](#)
11. Submission by the CGIAR Consortium and its 11 CGIAR Centers hosting international 'in trust' crop and forage collections (CGIAR), received on 19 May 2015, [*Appendix 20*](#)
12. Submission by the Asia Region (1), received on 22 May 2015, [*Appendix 21*](#)
13. Submission by the Asia Region (2), received on 22 May 2015, [*Appendix 22*](#)
14. Submission by the Near East Region, received on 22 May 2015, [*Appendix 23*](#)