



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

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## RESOLUTION 1/2017

### CONTRIBUTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL TREATY ON PLANT GENETIC RESOURCES FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE TO THE 2030 AGENDA FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

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#### THE GOVERNING BODY,

**Recognizing** that plant genetic resources for food and agriculture (PGRFA) are essential for countries to ensure food security, promote sustainable agriculture and adapt to climate change;

**Recognizing** the important contribution that farmers make through the maintenance of resilient and sustainable agricultural systems;

**Reaffirming** the important role of the International Treaty in providing an effective governance framework for the management and exchange of plant genetic resources for food and agriculture;

**Emphasizing** that the effective implementation of the International Treaty contributes to the achievement of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (2030 Agenda) and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), in particular SDG Targets 2.5 and 15.6, relating to conservation, and access and benefit-sharing of genetic resources, while also contributing indirectly to SDGs 1, 12, 13 and 17;

**Highlighting** in particular contributions made by the Multilateral System to the achievement of SDG Target 2.5 by facilitating access to over 4.2 million samples to breeders, farmers and stakeholders all over the world;

**Recalling** Resolution 4/2017 of the 40th FAO Conference on the contribution of the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture to the SDGs;

1. **Calls upon** Contracting Parties to reaffirm their commitments and strengthen their efforts to fully implement the International Treaty in order to achieve sustainable agriculture and food security through conservation and sustainable use of PGRFA;
2. **Emphasizes** the need to focus in particular on the needs of the poorest, most vulnerable and those furthest behind in the implementation of the International Treaty and **notes** that such focus will also contribute to the realization of the 2030 Agenda;
3. **Encourages** Contracting Parties to mainstream the implementation of the International Treaty into their national programmes related to the 2030 Agenda;
4. **Calls upon** Contracting Parties and other stakeholders to mainstream plant genetic diversity into their national development strategies, action plans, programmes and projects, including measures to promote Farmers' Rights and sustainable use of PGRFA as set out in the International Treaty, and **requests** the Secretary to support these efforts as appropriate.

5. **Emphasizes** that the Contracting Parties' reports under the Compliance Procedures on the implementation of their obligations under the International Treaty provide a useful source of information to assess progress in the implementation of access and benefit-sharing for PGRFA, and **invites** Contracting Parties to submit such national reports to inform on their progress towards the achievement of SDG Target 15.6;
6. **Urges** Contracting Parties to continue their efforts to regularly revise and update their notifications to the International Treaty, and to further encourage natural and legal persons within their jurisdictions to include PGRFA into the Multilateral System as appropriate;
7. **Urges** Contracting Parties to make appropriate efforts to ensure the long-term conservation of PGRFA by 2020, as called for in SDG Target 2.5, and **emphasizes** that efforts to maintain plant genetic diversity, both *ex situ* and *in situ*, should continue to be a priority after 2020;
8. **Encourages** non-Contracting Party countries to become members of the International Treaty as soon as possible, and **emphasizes** that this will strengthen the efforts of the international community to achieve the SDG targets related to PGRFA;
9. **Requests** the Secretary to continue raising awareness in relevant international fora of the important contribution of the International Treaty to the achievement of the 2030 Agenda, and to support Contracting Parties, upon request and subject to the availability of resources, in their efforts to mainstream International Treaty implementation into national programmes and strategies relevant to the achievement of the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs;
10. **Requests** the Secretary to continue making available information provided by Contracting Parties and others to be used in the monitoring process on the achievement of SDG Target 15.6, in collaboration with the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, which is the custodian UN agency for the indicator of this target;
11. **Requests** the Secretary to continue making available information provided by Contracting Parties and others to be used in the monitoring process on the achievement of SDG Target 2.5, in collaboration with the Secretariat of the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture, taking into account that the FAO is the custodian UN agency for the indicators of this target;
12. **Decides** to take stock, at its Ninth Session in 2021, of progress made in the achievement of SDGs 2 and 15, in particular targets related to PGRFA;
13. **Requests** the Secretary to keep Contracting Parties regularly informed of relevant developments within the International Treaty in support of the achievement of the SDGs, including information on the impact of relevant awareness raising activities undertaken by the Secretary, through updates to the Bureau and the relevant intersessional committees;
14. **Calls upon** relevant international organizations to provide support and contributions to implementation of the International Treaty, so as to achieve SDGs that are relevant to the management of PGRFA;
15. **Calls upon** other stakeholder in the International Treaty community, in particular civil society organizations, farmers and the seed industry, to further mobilize the means, and develop the partnerships necessary to achieve the SDG targets related to PGRFA;
16. **Requests** that the new Funding Strategy and its result framework emphasise the contribution of the International Treaty to the 2030 Agenda;
17. **Calls upon** Contracting Parties to comply with the obligations as provided for in Article 18.4 of the financial provisions of the International Treaty and donors to support implementation of the Funding Strategy of the International Treaty as part of their commitments to mobilize the necessary resources to achieve the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs.
18. **Calls for** rapid finalization of the elements for the enhancement of the Multilateral System.