



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

RESOLUTION 1/2019

CELEBRATING THE 15th ANNIVERSARY OF INTERNATIONAL TREATY ON PLANT GENETIC RESOURCES FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

THE GOVERNING BODY,

Acknowledging the remarkable achievements and progress made in the first fifteen years of the implementation of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (International Treaty);

Reaffirming that the effective implementation of the International Treaty contributes to addressing today's critical global challenges of food and nutrition security, sustainable agriculture and climate change;

Concerned that the erosion of plant genetic diversity is continuing at an alarming rate, and while the world population is growing, malnutrition and the total number of hungry people are on the rise and, at the same time, the adverse impacts of climate change are increasing;

Conscious of impact of the changes in the global policy landscape and development of advanced technologies to the conservation and sustainable use of plant genetic resources for food and agriculture during the past fifteen years and possible implications for the implementation of the International Treaty;

Recalling Resolution 1/2017, *Contribution of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development*;

1. **Reaffirms** its commitment to the full implementation of the International Treaty, so that it continues providing an effective and functioning global framework for the management of plant genetic resources for food and agriculture;
2. **Encourages** Contracting Parties to implement the International Treaty through their national policies, strategies and programmes, and to enhance integration of plant genetic resources for food and agriculture in national development plans, national budgets and priorities for donor support, taking into account national legislation, as appropriate;
3. **Strongly supports** collaborations and the continued development of partnerships among Contracting Parties and different stakeholders for the effective and equitable management of plant genetic resources for food and agriculture under the International Treaty;
4. **Emphasizes** the need of increased investments in the conservation, availability and use of plant genetic resources for food and agriculture that are currently underutilized or underrepresented in genebank collections around the world and that are important to confront malnutrition and other challenges;
5. **Acknowledges** the importance of expanding the coverage of the Multilateral System of Access and Benefit-sharing to further facilitate access and exchange of plant genetic resources for food and agriculture, and thereby increase the global effort to conserve and sustainably use these resources;

6. **Further acknowledges** that equitable benefit sharing, including monetary benefit sharing, information sharing, technology transfer and capacity building, is essential to achieve full implementation of the International Treaty;

7. **Calls upon** Contracting Parties and partners to take into account Article 18.4 of the International Treaty and make concerted effort and commitments to implement the updated Funding Strategy to support and advance the implementation of the International Treaty; to that aim, and recalling Article 18 of the International Treaty, **urges** Contracting Parties to mobilize resources to achieve the objectives of the International Treaty.