Item 1 of the Provisional Agenda

SEVENTH SESSION OF THE GOVERNING BODY

Kigali, Rwanda, 30 October – 3 November 2017

List of Observers

1. As established under Article 19.5 of the Treaty, any “body or agency, whether governmental or non-governmental, qualified in fields relating to conservation and sustainable use of plant genetic resources for food and agriculture, which has informed the Secretary of the Treaty of its wish to be represented as an observer at a session of the Governing Body, may be admitted unless at least one third of the Contracting Parties present object”.

2. The Rules of Procedure adopted by the Governing Body at its First Session in June 2006, state that “such observers may, upon invitation of the Chairperson, participate without the right to vote in sessions of the Governing Body on matters of direct concern to the body or agency they represent unless at least one third of the Contracting Parties present at the session object”. The Rules of Procedure further foresee that “before the opening of a session of the Governing Body the Secretary will circulate a list of observers who have requested approval to be represented at the session”.

3. The following bodies and agencies have requested approval to be represented at the Seventh Session of the Governing Body of the Treaty:

   1) Action Group on Erosion, Technology and Concentration (ETC Group)
   2) Africa Ecological Organic Agriculture Initiative
   3) African Centre for Biodiversity
   4) African Seed Trade Association
   5) Africa Seeds
   6) Alliance for Food Sovereignty in Africa (AFSA)
   7) Arizona State University
   8) Asociación para la Naturaleza y el Desarrollo Sostenible (ANDES)

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9) Association de Réflexion d'échanges et d'actions pour l'Environnement et le Développement (AREA-ED)
10) Association Sénégalaise de Producteurs de Semences Paysannes
11) Biodiversity: Exchange and Dissemination of Experiences
12) Bread for the World
13) China Biodiversity Conservation and Green Development Foundation (CBCGDF)
14) Community Technology Development Trust
15) ETHIO-Organic Seed Action (EOSA)
16) European Seed
17) European Seed Association
18) Fédération des unions des coopératives de riz au Rwanda (FUCORIRWA)
19) French Agricultural Research Centre for International Development (CIRAD)
20) Fridtjof Nansen Institute
21) Genome Prairie
22) Global EcoLomics
23) Greenpeace International
24) INADES Formation Rwanda
25) Indian National Bureau of Plant Genetic Resources (ICAR)
26) International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD)
27) International Planning Committee for Food Sovereignty (IPC)
28) International Seed Federation (ISF)
29) Quaker United Nations Office (Quno)
30) La Via Campesina
31) Local Initiatives for Biodiversity, Research and Development (LI-BIRD)
32) Nordic Genetic Resource Centre
33) North Carolina State University
34) Oxfam Novib
35) Peace Seeds
36) Rwanda Agriculture Board
37) Ryukoku University
38) South Center
39) Southeast Asian Regional Initiatives for Community Empowerment (SEARICE)
40) Synergie Paysanne in Benin
41) The Development Fund (DF)
42) Third World Network
43) University of Antwerp
44) University of Rwanda
45) University of Tsukuba
46) Verein Arche Noah