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NOTIFICATION

Call for Funds to Support the Participation of Representatives of Developing Country Contracting Parties and of Contracting Parties with Economies in Transition in the Governing Body and its Subsidiary Bodies

Dear Madam/Sir,

I have the honour to draw your attention to the Report of the Seventh Session of the Governing Body of the International Treaty (Kigali, 30 October – 3 November 2017) and the decisions contained therein. In particular, reference is made to Resolution 14/2017 by which the Work Programme and Budget for the 2018-19 biennium was adopted.

In paragraph 14 of Resolution 14/2017, the Governing Body encourages Contracting Parties and other donors to replenish the Special Fund to Support the Participation of Developing Countries in the amount of USD 700,000 for the 2018-19 biennium, and it requests the Secretary to issue a call for funds to this effect.

The Budget Committee of the Seventh Session of the Governing Body was informed of the complete depletion of resources in this Special Fund, after the preparation of the Seventh Session. Shortage of funds in the Fund could negatively affect decision making in the Governing Body and its subsidiary bodies, without the participation of developing country Contracting Parties.

Since the Seventh Session of the Governing Body, two countries have offered funds to the Special Fund. While these generous contributions have eased the grave situation of the Fund immediately, the funds have not yet reached to the amount of USD 700,000 requested in Resolution 14/2017, in order to cover the estimated cost for the current biennium.

Accordingly, this notification is issued to invite Contracting Parties to make contributions to this Special Fund to support the participation of developing country Contracting Parties. Should you need any additional information, please contact the Secretariat at PGRFA-Treaty@fao.org

Please accept Madam/Sir, the assurance of my highest consideration.

Dr Kent Nnadozie
Secretary

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