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Dear Dr. Bhatti,

The International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture has established a Multilateral System of Access and Benefit-sharing.

A few weeks ago, you received a notification from both French association PROMAIS and INRA to include a French collection of corn in the Multilateral System.

Today, I wish to inform you that the 'Institut National de la Recherche Agronomique' (INRA) and the 'Association Française des Semences de céréales à paille et autres Autogames' (AFSA) decided to place a French collection of about 1800 lines of bread wheat at the Multilateral System disposal.

This collection is held by the French Cereal Crop Genetic Resources Network and conserved in the Genetic Resources Centre of INRA, located in Clermont-Ferrand. Through the website http://urgi.versailles.inra.fr/siregal/ detailed data on the composition of the collection are readily available.

I hope that this contribution will be useful to the development of the Multilateral System.

Yours sincerely,

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