



NOTIFICATION

Third Party Beneficiary Procedures – Nomination of Experts

I have the honour to draw attention to the Report of the Third Session of the Governing Body of the International Treaty (Tunis, Tunisia, 1-5 June 2009) and the decisions contained therein.¹

The purpose of this notification is to bring to your attention decisions that are addressed to Contracting Parties in relation to the compilation of a **list of experts in accordance with the Third Party Beneficiary Procedures**.² In the context of dispute settlement, the parties to a Standard Material Transfer Agreement may appoint mediators and arbitrators from such a list of experts.

Criteria for the nomination of experts, as contained in the Third Party Beneficiary Procedures, are the following:

- a) Highest professional qualities, qualification and expertise in relevant fields;
- b) Reputation for independence, fairness, competence and integrity;
- c) Appropriate language skills;
- d) Expressed willingness to accept the role of mediator, arbitrator or expert in dispute settlement in relation to the Standard Material Transfer Agreement.

Bearing in mind these criteria, National Focal Points and Permanent Representatives are invited to make nominations on behalf of Contracting Parties using the [Form](#)³ that is attached and sending an electronic copy thereof to the following email address:

PGRFA-Treaty@fao.org

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¹ Document IT/GB-3/09/Report, *Report of the Third Session of the Governing Body*. The Report is available at the following Internet address:

<ftp://ftp.fao.org/ag/agp/planttreaty/gb3/gb3repe.pdf>

² *Report of the Third Session of the Governing Body*, Appendix A.5.

³ ftp://ftp.fao.org/ag/agp/planttreaty/noti/Form_TPB_experts_en.doc



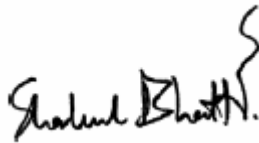
If National Focal Points and Permanent Representatives so wish, they may also send a hard copy of the form to the following address:

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Professionals who wish to be included in the list of experts but are not nominated by Contracting Parties will be invited to put forward their candidature through an on-line communication on the website of the International Treaty, in accordance with the decision of the Governing Body.

Any query or request for further information may be addressed to PGRFA-Treaty@fao.org.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Shakeel Bhatti' with a stylized flourish at the end.

Shakeel Bhatti
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