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## NOTIFICATION Information relating to the Funding Strategy of the International Treaty

Dear Madam/Sir,

I have the honour to draw attention to the Report of the Third Session of the Governing Body of the International Treaty and the decisions therein contained.<sup>1</sup>

At this Session the Governing Body adopted *Annex 4* of the Funding Strategy, *Information and Reporting Requirements under the Funding Strategy. Annex 4* sets out the information and reporting requirements under the Funding Strategy of the Treaty, in order to facilitate the monitoring of the implementation of the Funding Strategy and the assessment of its efficacy by the Governing Body. The Secretariat is compiling the relevant information to make it available to the Governing Body.

The purpose of this notification is to bring to your attention the information requirements of Contracting Parties and non-Contracting Parties in relation to financial resources of the Funding Strategy that are not under the control of the Governing Body.

To facilitate the submission of information according to standard formats and the subsequent consolidation by the Secretariat, an electronic template in Word format can be found at: <a href="http://www.planttreaty.org/noti\_en.htm">http://www.planttreaty.org/noti\_en.htm</a>

In view of the need to prepare a report for the Fourth Session of the Governing Body based on information received, your urgent attention is kindly requested so that a comprehensive report may be prepared for the Fourth Session of the Governing Body to enable its informed consideration of the relevant issues.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Document IT/GB-3/09/Report, *Report of the Third Session of the Governing Body*. The Report is available at the following Internet address: <a href="mailto:ftp://ftp.fao.org/ag/agp/planttreaty/gb3/gb3repe.pdf">ftp://ftp.fao.org/ag/agp/planttreaty/gb3/gb3repe.pdf</a>



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Any query or request for further information may also be addressed to the same contact.

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

Shakeel Bhatti Secretary

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The Secretariat would be grateful if electronic copies of the submissions could be sent to the above e-mail address in addition to the hard copies.