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International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture

The Secretary of the Governing Body of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (the "Treaty") has the honour to draw attention to the Report of the Third Session of the Governing Body of the Treaty, held in Tunis from 1 to 5 June 2009. The Report (IT/GB-3/09) is available at the following website: <ftp://ftp.fao.org/ag/agp/planttreaty/gb3/gb3repe.pdf>.

The Governing Body took a number of decisions that require action by Contracting Parties. This circular communication draws to the attention of Contracting Parties those decisions that are addressed to them or that have direct implications for them. Attached is a *Table* summarizing the actions requested from Contracting Parties by the resolutions and decisions of the Third Session of the Governing Body and decisions from previous Sessions that require regular update. Details and background information are contained in the *Annex* to this communication.

To facilitate the submission of information and the subsequent consolidation by the Secretariat, an electronic template in Word format can be found at:

ftp://ftp.fao.org/ag/agp/planttreaty/noti/gb4cls1_a2_en.doc.

It would be appreciated if electronic copies of the submissions could be sent to: PGRFA-Treaty@fao.org in addition to the hard copy which should be addressed to:

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Any query or request for further information should also be addressed to the above contact.

TABLE

**SUMMARY OF ACTIONS REQUESTED FROM CONTRACTING PARTIES
BY THE THIRD SESSION OF THE GOVERNING BODY**

Para of <i>Annex</i>	ACTIONS REQUESTED FROM CONTRACTING PARTIES	DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION
2-12	<p>I. Work Programme and Budget for the 2010-2011 Biennium (Resolution 1/2009)</p> <p>-Contributions to the Core Administrative Budget 2010-2011</p> <p>-Contributions to Special Fund for Agreed Purposes</p> <p>-Contributions to Developing Countries' Participation Fund</p> <p>-Contributions to the Benefit-sharing Fund</p>	As soon as possible
13	<p>II. Procedures and operational mechanisms to promote compliance and address issues of non-compliance (Res. 2/2009)</p> <p>Submit comments on Procedures and operational mechanisms to promote compliance and address issues of non-compliance</p>	31 October 2009
14-15	<p>III. Implementation of the Funding Strategy of the International Treaty (Res. 3/2009)</p> <p>Submit views and proposals on innovative approaches to be developed to allow for the provision of resources to the Benefit-sharing Fund</p>	As soon as possible
16-26	<p>IV. Multilateral System of Access and Benefit-sharing (Res. 4/2009)</p> <p>All Contracting Parties to report on the PGRFA that are in the MLS in accordance with Art. 11.2 of the Treaty</p>	As soon as possible
	Provision of information on the status of monetary and non-monetary benefit-sharing	As soon as possible
	Provision of information on the collections of legal persons not part of the government, whom are regarded as forming part of the national plant genetic resources systems and who are willing to make such information available	As soon as possible
	Provision of information on the appropriate measures that are taken, in accordance with Art. 11.3 of the Treaty, to encourage natural and legal persons within the Contracting Parties jurisdictions to include PGRFA in the Multilateral System, according to national capacities	As soon as possible
	All Contracting Parties to take the policy, legal and administrative	As soon as possible

	measures necessary for their plant genetic resources systems, and natural and legal persons within their jurisdictions, to be able to use the SMTA to provide facilitated access to PGRFA	
	Contracting Parties to consider making additional annual payments of a percentage of the value of all seeds sold in their territory, similar to the decisions of Norway, with the aim of providing the International Treaty's Benefit-sharing Fund with substantial and reliable resources	As soon as possible
27	V. Procedures for the Third Party Beneficiary (Res. 5/2009) Request to contribute periodically, as necessary, to the Third Party Beneficiary Operational Reserve	As soon as possible
28-29	VI. Article 9, Farmer's Rights (Res. 6/2009) Submit views and experiences on the implementation of Farmers' Rights as set out in Art. 9 of the Treaty, involving, as appropriate, farmers' organizations and other stakeholders	As soon as possible
30-32	VII. Cooperation with the CGRFA (Res. 7/2009) Request Contracting Parties that are Members of the Commission, in their discussions of the revision of the Global Plan of Actions under the Commission, to ensure that issues of relevance to the Treaty and its implementation are adequately taken into account	
33	VIII. Business Plan Submission of comments on the Draft Business Plan	31 December 2009
34	IX. Article 6, Sustainable Use Provision of information on policies and legal measures to promote sustainable use of PGRFA and strengthen the participatory approaches	As soon as possible
	National Focal Points Nomination of National Focal Points, if not done yet ¹	As soon as possible

¹ For Contracting Parties which have not yet identified their National Focal Points, the official nomination and contact information for the Focal Points (name, title, mail address, e-mail address and telephone numbers) should be sent to the Secretary of the Treaty. The contact details of the Focal Points will be made available through the Website of the Treaty, at http://www.planttreaty.org/members_en.htm, in order to facilitate communication between Contracting Parties. Should a Contracting Party not wish such information to be made public, they are requested to so inform the Secretariat.

ANNEX

International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture

ACTIONS REQUESTED FROM CONTRACTING PARTIES BY THE THIRD SESSION OF THE GOVERNING BODY

1. The following paragraphs of the Report of the Third Session of the Governing Body address Contracting Parties, or have direct implications for them. The actions are presented by Resolution.

I. WORK PROGRAMME AND BUDGET FOR THE 2010/2011 BIENNIUM (RESOLUTION 1/2009)

Background: Structure of the Budget of the Treaty

2. In adopting the Financial Rules of the Treaty,² the Governing Body decided that the Budget of the Treaty should comprise four Trust Funds. These have been established, and given the following symbols:

	Trust Fund Symbol
The Core Administrative Budget; ³	MTF/INT/017/MUL, ITPGRFA (Core Administrative Budget)
The Special Fund for Agreed Purposes; ⁴	MTF/INT/019/MUL, ITPGRFA (Special Fund)
The Special Fund to Support the Participation of Developing Countries and Countries with Economies in Transition, in the Governing Body and its subsidiary bodies; ⁵ and	MTF/INT/018/MUL, ITPGRFA (Developing Country Participation)
The Benefit-sharing Fund. ⁶	GINC/INT/031/MUL, ITPGRFA (Benefit-sharing Fund)

3. **Contracting Parties are requested to clearly state the relevant Trust Fund Symbol in all contributions they make.** Such transfers should be made to the:

Account Name: **FAO Trust Fund (USD)**
Bank Name: **HSBC New York**
Bank Address: **New York, NY, USA**
Swift/BIC: **MRMDUS33**
ABA/Bank Code: **021001088**
Account No.: **000156426**

²Appendix E of Document IT/GB-1/06/Report.

³ Rule VI.2a.

⁴ Rule VI.2b.

⁵ Rule VI.2c.

⁶ Rule VI.3.

Contributions to the Core Administrative Budget

4. In its Resolution 1/2009, the Governing Body “reiterate[d] its concern at the limited level of voluntary contributions by Contracting Parties to the Core Administrative Budget from inception to date” and “urge[d] all Contracting Parties to provide the resources required in the Core Administrative Budget, as adopted, in a timely manner.” The full text of the Resolution is attached as *Addendum 2*.

5. In the same resolution, the Governing Body established its Core Administrative Budget for the 2010/2011 period at **US\$ 5,832,833**. The 2010/2011 budget, as adopted, provides for contributions by Contracting Parties to the Core Administrative Budget of a total of **US\$ 3,973,833**. Contracting Parties are accordingly urged to make their contributions to the Core Administrative Budget **as soon as possible** (for account details, see paragraphs 2 and 3 above), to enable the agreed Programme of Work to be implemented. The table with the Core Administrative Budget is attached as *Addendum 3*.

6. In adopting its Financial Rules, the Governing Body has not yet decided whether the Core Administrative Budget is to be funded by voluntary contributions based on an indicative scale,⁷ or voluntary contributions.⁸ To the extent that it may be useful to Contracting Parties, an indicative scale, based on the FAO scale of contributions, adjusted according to those countries that were Contracting Parties on 30 August 2009, is attached as *Addendum 4* to this communication.

7. The Governing Body expressed its concern about the limited level of voluntary contributions to the Core Administrative Budget from inception to date. Out of an agreed amount to be funded by Contracting Parties of US\$ 3,808,940 a total sum of US\$ 1,703,044 of voluntary contributions has so far been received. In view of this shortfall in the 2008-2009 biennium, those Contracting Parties who have not yet made their contributions for the current biennium may therefore wish to make their contributions for the current biennium in consultation with the Secretary **as soon as possible**.⁹

8. Draft Rule V.2b of the Financial Rules states that “Each Party shall, as far in advance as possible of the date due for the contribution, inform the Secretary of the contribution it intends to make and of the projected timing of that contribution”. Although this rule has not yet been agreed, such notification would provide significant help to the Secretary in planning expenditure. Contracting Parties are therefore encouraged to send such notifications to the Secretary, **as soon as possible**.

Contributions to the Special Fund for Agreed Purposes

9. By paragraph 5 of Resolution 1/2009, the Governing Body also adopted the *Addendum to Annex 1* with a breakdown of “Possible Supporting Activities to be Funded by Contracting Parties under the Special Fund for Agreed Purposes” referred to in Rule VI.2b of the Financial Rules of the Treaty. Those activities can be funded by donors according to their individual priorities and they are thus listed merely as a reference for possible funding on an individual, extra-budgetary project basis. In paragraph 3 of the same resolution the Governing Body invited “all States and well as intergovernmental organizations, non-governmental organizations and other entities, to contribute to [...] the Special Funds of the International Treaty”. Contributions can be made to the Special Fund for Agreed Purposes (for account details, see paragraphs 2 and 3 above). The list of activities is attached as *Addendum 5*.

⁷ see *Appendix E* of Document IT/GB-1/06/Report, Option 1 for Financial Rule 5.1b.

⁸ see *Appendix E* of Document IT/GB-1/06/Report, Option 2 for Financial Rule 5.1b .

⁹ The list of voluntary contributions received in the 2008/2009 biennium to date is available at: http://www.planttreaty.org/budget_en.htm

Contributions to the Special Fund to Support the Participation of Developing Countries and of Contracting Parties with economies in transition

10. By paragraph 12 of Resolution 1/2009, the Governing Body also confirmed that “*Contracting Parties that are developing countries and countries with economies in transition should be informed by the Secretary, in a timely manner before a meeting, of the availability of resources to support their participation in that meeting from the Fund referred to in the Treaty’s Financial Rule VI.2c, and that, where such funding is limited, priority should be given to the least developed countries*”.

11. Contracting Parties wishing to make contributions to this Fund are requested to do so **as soon as possible** (for account details, see paragraphs 2 and 3 above).

Contributions to the Benefit-sharing Fund

12. At its Third Session, the Governing Body “*recalled that the effective implementation of the Funding Strategy is critical to the implementation of the International Treaty*” and welcomed a Strategic Plan for the implementation of the Benefit-sharing Fund of the Funding Strategy¹⁰. According to this Plan, the near term focus is to establish operational aspects and begin capitalizing the Fund with support from Contracting Parties and others. There are substantial opportunities for Contracting Parties to lead this important effort. They could “*act as ambassadors for the Treaty and should be willing to make contacts within their spheres of influence on behalf of the Benefit-sharing Fund. They will help identify prospects, make appropriate introductions, share their ideas and ... assist in helping secure contributions for the Benefit-sharing Fund.*” Contracting Parties are invited to do so in coordination with the Secretariat and make voluntary contributions to the Benefit-sharing Fund consistent with the Governing Body’s strategic and rational framework **as soon as possible**.

II. PROCEDURES AND OPERATIONAL MECHANISMS TO PROMOTE COMPLIANCE AND TO ADDRESS ISSUES OF NON-COMPLIANCE (RESOLUTION 2/2009)

13. The Governing Body invited “*Contracting Parties and Observers to make, through the Secretary, submissions on the text contained in the Annex to [the] Resolution before 1 October 2009 for consideration by the Ad Hoc Working Group [on Compliance]*”. The Secretary already posted on the website a notification in July 2009 inviting submissions on procedures and operational mechanisms to promote compliance and to address issues of non-compliance by **31 October 2009**.

III. FUNDING STRATEGY (RESOLUTION 3/2009)

14. The relevant decisions of the Governing Body regarding the Implementation of the Funding Strategy are contained in Resolution 3/2009:

“1. *Adopts Annex 4 of the Funding Strategy, Information and Reporting Requirements under the Funding Strategy [...].*

2. *Welcomes the Strategic Plan for the implementation of the Benefit-sharing Fund of the Funding Strategy, as contained in Appendix 2 of document Report of the Co-Chairs of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Funding Strategy: Draft Strategic Plan for the Implementation of the Benefit-sharing Fund of the Funding Strategy, and agrees that this plan will constitute a basis for the implementation of the Benefit-sharing Fund of the Funding Strategy by the Secretariat and the Contracting Parties;*

¹⁰ IT/GB-3/09/7 App.2: <ftp://ftp.fao.org/ag/agp/planttreaty/gb3/gb3w7ap2e.pdf>

4. Based on Article 18.3, *establishes* a target of US\$ 116 million between July 2009 and December 2014.”

15. By paragraph 19 of Resolution 3/2009, the Governing Body also invited Contracting Parties to “*explore, including with relevant stakeholders, the development of innovative approaches to allow for the provision of resources to the Benefit-sharing Fund, including on a regular and predictable basis*”. Contracting Parties are invited to send their views and proposals to the Secretary of the Treaty **as soon as possible**.

IV. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MULTILATERAL SYSTEM (RESOLUTION 4/2009)

16. The relevant decisions of the Governing Body regarding the Multilateral System of Access and Benefit-sharing and the Standard Material Transfer Agreement are in Resolution 4/2009.

17. By paragraph 4 Contracting Parties were requested by the Governing Body “*to report on their plant genetic resources for food and agriculture that are in the Multilateral System, in accordance with Article 11.2 of the International Treaty, and, according to national capacities, to take measures to make information on these resources available to potential users of the Multilateral System*”¹¹.

18. The Governing Body also requested the Secretary “*to prepare a comprehensive report to its Fourth Session on the status of non-monetary and monetary benefit-sharing, as provided for in Articles 13.a, b c and d, of the International Treaty*”, and for this purpose it also requested Contracting Parties to provide information.

19. The Governing Body also

“expresse[d] its concern that information on the inclusion of plant genetic resource for food and agriculture in the Multilateral System by natural and legal persons within the jurisdiction of Contracting Parties on which to base its assessment of the progress in including these plant genetic resources for food and agriculture in the Multilateral System, is not yet available;” and

“Reiterate[d] the urgency of obtaining the appropriate information it needs to assess progress in the inclusion in the Multilateral System of plant genetic resources for food and agriculture held by natural and legal persons within the jurisdictions of Contracting Parties. Such information should comprise:

- *The holders of the collections;*
- *The crops included;*
- *The total number of accessions.”*

20. Contracting Parties were also encouraged by paragraph 9 of the Resolution to provide in their reports “*information on the collections of legal persons not part of the government, whom they regard as forming part of their national plant genetic resources systems and who are willing to make such information available*”.

21. In paragraph 10 of the Resolution 4/2009, Contracting Parties were invited to include in their reports “*information on the appropriate measures that they are taking, in accordance with Article 11.3 of the*

¹¹ Contracting Parties may wish to provide the Secretariat with information on material in the Multilateral System within their jurisdiction, using the sample letter, approved by the Bureau, and contained in *Addendum 1* to this communication.

Treaty, to encourage natural and legal persons within their jurisdiction to include plant genetic resources for food and agriculture in the Multilateral System, according to national capacities”

22. By paragraph 12 the Governing Body requested “*all Contracting Parties to take the policy, legal and administrative measures necessary for their national plant genetic resource systems, and natural and legal persons within their jurisdictions, to be able to use the Standard Material Transfer Agreement to provide facilitated access to plant genetic resources for food and agriculture*” and “*stressed the importance of assisting developing countries in this process.*”

23. In the third part of the Resolution 4/2009, the Governing Body urged “*developed country Contracting Parties to provide appropriate assistance to developing countries, bilaterally, or through established multilateral frameworks for: capacity-building; awareness-raising; promotion of the exchange of experiences among those responsible for implementing the Standard Material Transfer Agreement at national level; electronic management of the Standard Material Transfer Agreement and related reporting*”.

24. The Governing Body decided “*to again review the level of payments, with a view to achieving fair and equitable sharing of benefits, at its Fourth Session*”. It further decided to postpone to its Fourth Session “*the review of whether the mandatory payment requirement shall also apply in cases where commercialized products are available without restriction to others for further research and breeding*”.

25. In Resolution 4/2009, the Governing Body “**welcome[d]** the decision of Norway to make an additional annual payment of 0.1% of the value of all seeds sold in its territory;” and “**appeal[ed]** to other Contracting Parties to take similar decisions, with the aim of providing the International Treaty’s Benefit-sharing Fund with substantial and reliable resources”.

26. In order to facilitate the preparation of a most comprehensive report and assist the Governing Body with adequate information, Contracting Parties are kindly invited to send the information identified in paragraphs 17 to 25 above, **as soon as possible**.

V. PROCEDURES FOR THE THIRD PARTY BENEFICIARY (RESOLUTION 5/2009)

27. The Governing Body adopted the Procedures for the Operation of the Third Party Beneficiary as contained in *Annex 1* to the Resolution 5/2005 and by paragraph 4 incorporated “*the Third Party Beneficiary Operational Reserve into the Core Administrative Budget*” and called upon Contracting Parties “*to contribute periodically, as necessary, to the Third Party Beneficiary Operational Reserve, in order to maintain it at a level commensurate with the needs*” (for account details, see paragraphs 2 and 3 above).

VI. IMPLEMENTATION OF ARTICLE 9: FARMERS’ RIGHTS (RESOLUTION 6/2009)

28. The relevant decisions of the Governing Body on Farmer’s Rights are to be found in Resolution 6/2009, which reads:

“*The Governing Body,*

1. *Invites each Contracting Party to consider reviewing and, if necessary, adjusting its national measures affecting the realization of Farmers’ Rights as set out in Article 9 of the International Treaty, to protect and promote Farmers’ Rights.*
2. *Encourages Contracting Parties and other relevant organizations to continue to submit views and experiences on the implementation of Farmers’ Rights as set out in Article 9 of the International Treaty, involving, as appropriate, farmers’ organizations and other stakeholders;*

4. *Requests the Secretariat to collect the views and experiences submitted by Contracting Parties [...]*".

29. Contracting Parties wishing to send their views and experiences are invited to address them to the Secretary **as soon as possible**.

VII. COOPERATION WITH THE COMMISSION ON GENETIC RESOURCES FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (RESOLUTION 7/2009)

30. In adopting Resolution 7/2009, the Governing Body “[i]nvited Contracting Parties to participate actively in the process for the updating of the Global Plan of Action, in particular, by providing any necessary information to FAO and comments on any draft prepared by FAO”.

31. In the same Resolution, the Governing Body, requested “Contracting Parties that are also Members of the Commission, in their discussions of the revision of the Global Plan of Action under the Commission, to ensure that issues of relevance to the Treaty and its implementation are adequately taken into account”.

32. Contracting Parties are also requested by that resolution “to continue supporting the functioning of effective [International Plant Genetic Resources] networks, and strengthening of collaboration among networks”.

VIII. BUSINESS PLAN

33. The Governing Body noted that the Business Plan is expected to play multiple roles, including serving as a planning, fund-raising and a communication tool and agreed that the *Draft Business Plan* needed to be further developed. By paragraph 32 of the Report of the Third Session, the Governing Body urged Contracting Parties to provide comments on the *Draft Business Plan*¹² **by 31 December 2009**.

IX. IMPLEMENTATION OF ARTICLE 6 OF THE TREATY: SUSTAINABLE USE OF PLANT GENETIC RESOURCES

34. The relevant decisions of the Governing Body are to be found in paragraphs 43 to 47 of the Report. Paragraph 45 and 46 read:

“45. *The Governing Body stressed the need for Contracting Parties to develop and maintain appropriate policies and legal measures that promote sustainable use of plant genetic resources for food and agriculture and strengthen the participatory approaches, including developing studies and sharing experiences of countries that have successfully implemented sustainable use programmes for plant genetic resources.*

46. *The Governing Body emphasized that to assess progress, identify gaps and opportunities for further strengthening use of plant genetic resources, the Contracting Parties are invited to regularly submit progress reports on implementation of Article 6 through the reporting mechanism of the Global Plan of Action for the Conservation and Sustainable Utilization of Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture.*”

¹² IT/GB-3/09/Inf. 12: <ftp://ftp.fao.org/ag/agp/planttreaty/gb3/gb3i12e.pdf>

**SAMPLE LETTER OF NOTIFICATION OF INCLUSION OF MATERIAL
IN THE MULTILATERAL SYSTEM***

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Subject: notification regarding the contribution of the [name of the CP/Natural or Legal person] to the Multilateral System

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

Regarding the coverage of the Multilateral System, Article 11 specifies that the Multilateral System shall include all plant genetic resources for food and agriculture listed in *Annex I* that are under the management and control of the Contracting Parties and in the public domain, and that Contracting Parties invite other holders of the plant genetic resources for food and agriculture listed in *Annex I* to include these in the Multilateral System.

Herewith, the [name of the CP/Natural or Legal person] wishes to notify to you that the following plant genetic resources for food and agriculture listed in *Annex I* and maintained in [name of the CP] have been included in the Multilateral System.

1. The collections held by [name of the collection centre], [name of the country], located in XX. Through the website [url address] detailed data on the composition of the collection and user procedures to order samples are readily available.
2. The [name of species] collection held by the [name of the collection centre] located in XX [and consisting of...]. The website [url address] provides access to the collection's database.

Germplasm held in the collections listed above will be made available to users under the conditions of the Standard Material Transfer Agreement of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture.

* This sample letter can be downloaded in electronic format from the website of the International Treaty:
ftp://ftp.fao.org/ag/agp/planttreaty/agreements/models/inclu_e.doc

RESOLUTION 1/2009

Programme of Work and Budget 2010-2011

THE GOVERNING BODY,

Recalling that the FAO Governing Bodies have determined that the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture is a priority FAO activity;

Recognizing that the International Treaty is at a critical stage in its implementation;

Recognizing that the delivery of the Work Programme is subject to adequate resources being available within the Core Administrative Budget, and that this will be essential to the future functioning, credibility and effectiveness of the International Treaty;

Recalling priorities as reflected in decisions taken by the Governing Body;

1. **Reiterates** its concern at the limited level of voluntary contributions by Contracting Parties to the Core Administrative Budget from inception to date;
2. Accordingly **urges** all Contracting Parties to provide the resources required in the Core Administrative Budget, as adopted, in a timely manner;
3. **Invites** all States as well as intergovernmental organizations, non-governmental organizations and other entities, to contribute to the Core Administrative Budget and the Special Funds of the International Treaty;
4. **Appreciates** the Secretary's efforts to ensure a modern and transparent approach to the establishment of the International Treaty's biennial Work Programme and Budget, as well as to the management of the International Treaty's financial operations and reporting, and **recognizes** that these efforts will provide financial clarity, facilitate work programming, and increase confidence among Contracting Parties;
5. **Adopts** the Work Programme and its Core Administrative Budget for the biennium 2010-2011, as contained in *Annex 1* of this Resolution and the *Addendum* thereto;
6. **Takes note** of the provisional proposed contribution from FAO of US\$ 1,859,000;
7. **Approves** a Working Capital Reserve of US\$ 350,000, to be capitalized in the biennium 2010-2011;
8. **Decides** that 20% of voluntary contributions to the Benefit-sharing Fund be used to fund the costs of mobilization of resources, administration of the Fund, management of the project cycle under the Fund, and ancillary operations; the percentage may be reviewed by the Bureau as appropriate;
9. **Decides** that, for the biennium 2010-2011, the percentage of voluntary contributions accumulated under paragraph (8) above be utilized starting from the biennium 2012-2013, subject to review by the Governing Body at its Fourth Session based on an analysis of actual income and costs during the biennium

2010-2011 to be prepared by the Secretariat;

10. **Confirms** the authorization for the Secretary to transfer resources between the main appropriation lines of the Core Administrative Budget up to an aggregate of 15 percent of the Operating Budget, provided that no more than 25 percent of any main appropriation line may be transferred to another; the information on this matter will be included in the financial report to the Governing Body;

11. **Takes note** of the Secretariat staffing table for the biennium 2010-2011 set out in *Annex 2* to this Resolution, recognizing that the precise staffing arrangements are a matter of the normal executive authority of the Secretary;

12. **Confirms** that Contracting Parties that are developing countries and countries with economies in transition should be informed by the Secretary, in a timely manner before a meeting, of the availability of resources to support their participation in that meeting from the Fund referred to in the Treaty's Financial Rule VI.2c, and that, where such funding is limited, priority should be given to the least developed countries;

13. **Encourages** the Secretary to continue the implementation of the transparent approach in preparing and submitting the draft Work programme and Budget for the biennium 2012-2013, including a Secretariat staffing table and a Draft Resolution, for the consideration of the Governing Body at its Fourth Session, and to report on progress on income and expenditures, as well as any adjustments made to the budget in the biennium 2010-2011.

<i>Core Administrative Budget of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture</i>			
<i>Category</i>	<i>2010</i>	<i>2011</i>	<i>Total</i>
A. Staff and consultancy costs			
D-1	249,336	249,336	498,672
P-5	217,824	217,824	435,648
P-4 (x2)	379,176	379,176	758,352
P-3 (x3)	462,240	462,240	924,480
G-5	108,456	108,456	216,912
G-4	93,072	93,072	186,144
G-3	81,036	81,036	162,072
Additional staff for the biennium 2010-2011¹³			
P5	217,824	217,824	435,648
P3	154,080	154,080	308,160
Consultancy costs	30,000	100,000	130,000
Total A.	1,993,044	2,063,044	4,056,088
B. Meetings			
Fourth Session of the Governing body	-	500,000	500,000
Bureau meetings	15,000	15,000	30,000
Third Party Beneficiary Committee (1)	7,000	-	7,000
Total B.	22,000	515,000	537,000
C. Other costs			
Core staff duty travel	71,000	69,750	140,750
Publications	36,000	30,750	66,750
Supplies and equipment	24,000	24,000	48,000
Miscellaneous	12,000	10,500	22,500
Total C.	143,000	135,000	278,000
Total A + B + C	2,158,044	2,713,044	4,871,088
D. General Operating Services (4% of A + B + C)	86,322	108,522	194,844
E. Operating Budget	2,244,366	2,821,566	5,065,932
F. Project Servicing Cost (13% of E less FAO contribution)	170,933	245,969	416,901
G. Core Administrative Budget	2,415,298	3,067,534	5,482,833
H. Working Capital Reserve	175,000	175,000	350,000
I. FAO Contribution	(929,500)	(929,500)	(1,859,000)
J. Balance to be funded	1,660,798	2,313,034	3,973,833

Indicative Scale for the Core Administrative Budget, based on the FAO Scale of Contributions

Indicative Scale of Contributions to the ITPGRFA for the 2010 - 2011 Biennium

Contracting Parties	Rate %	Contribution US\$		Total US\$
		2010	2011	
<i>Afghanistan</i>	0.001	17	23	40
<i>Algeria</i>	0.163	2,707	3,770	6,477
<i>Angola</i>	0.006	100	139	238
<i>Armenia</i>	0.004	66	93	159
<i>Australia</i>	3.396	56,401	78,551	134,951
<i>Austria</i>	1.685	27,984	38,975	66,959
<i>Bangladesh</i>	0.019	316	439	755
<i>Belgium</i>	2.095	34,794	48,458	83,252
<i>Benin</i>	0.001	17	23	40
<i>Bhutan</i>	0.001	17	23	40
<i>Brazil</i>	1.664	27,636	38,489	66,125
<i>Bulgaria</i>	0.038	631	879	1,510
<i>Burkina Faso</i>	0.004	66	93	159
<i>Burundi</i>	0.001	17	23	40
<i>Cambodia</i>	0.001	17	23	40
<i>Cameroon</i>	0.017	282	393	676
<i>Canada</i>	5.658	93,968	130,871	224,839
<i>Central African Republic</i>	0.001	17	23	40
<i>Chad</i>	0.001	17	23	40
<i>Congo, Republic of</i>	0.001	17	23	40
<i>Cook Islands</i>	0.001	17	23	40
<i>Costa Rica</i>	0.061	1,013	1,411	2,424
<i>Côte d'Ivoire</i>	0.017	282	393	676
<i>Croatia</i>	0.095	1,578	2,197	3,775
<i>Cuba</i>	0.102	1,694	2,359	4,053
<i>Cyprus</i>	0.083	1,378	1,920	3,298
<i>Czech Republic</i>	0.533	8,852	12,328	21,181
<i>Democratic People's Republic of Korea</i>	0.013	216	301	517
<i>Democratic Republic of the Congo</i>	0.006	100	139	238
<i>Denmark</i>	1.405	23,334	32,498	55,832
<i>Djibouti</i>	0.001	17	23	40
<i>Ecuador</i>	0.04	664	925	1,590
<i>Egypt</i>	0.168	2,790	3,886	6,676
<i>El Salvador</i>	0.038	631	879	1,510
<i>Eritrea</i>	0.001	17	23	40
<i>Estonia</i>	0.03	498	694	1,192
<i>Ethiopia</i>	0.006	100	139	238
<i>Fiji</i>	0.006	100	139	238
<i>Finland</i>	1.072	17,804	24,796	42,599

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Contracting Parties	Rate %	Contribution US\$		Total US\$
		2010	2011	
<i>France</i>	11.974	198,864	276,963	475,827
<i>Gabon</i>	0.015	249	347	596
<i>Germany</i>	16.299	270,693	377,001	647,695
<i>Ghana</i>	0.008	133	185	318
<i>Greece</i>	1.133	18,817	26,207	45,024
<i>Guatemala</i>	0.061	1,013	1,411	2,424
<i>Guinea</i>	0.001	17	23	40
<i>Guinea-Bissau</i>	0.001	17	23	40
<i>Honduras</i>	0.009	149	208	358
<i>Hungary</i>	0.463	7,689	10,709	18,399
<i>Iceland</i>	0.07	1,163	1,619	2,782
<i>India</i>	0.855	14,200	19,776	33,976
<i>Indonesia</i>	0.306	5,082	7,078	12,160
<i>Iran, Islamic Republic of</i>	0.342	5,680	7,911	13,591
<i>Ireland</i>	0.845	14,034	19,545	33,579
<i>Italy</i>	9.652	160,300	223,254	383,554
<i>Jamaica</i>	0.019	316	439	755
<i>Jordan</i>	0.023	382	532	914
<i>Kenya</i>	0.019	316	439	755
<i>Kiribati</i>	0.001	17	23	40
<i>Kuwait</i>	0.346	5,746	8,003	13,749
<i>Kyrgyz Republic</i>	0.001	17	23	40
<i>Lao People's Democratic Republic</i>	0.001	17	23	40
<i>Latvia</i>	0.034	565	786	1,351
<i>Lebanon</i>	0.064	1,063	1,480	2,543
<i>Lesotho</i>	0.001	17	23	40
<i>Liberia</i>	0.001	17	23	40
<i>Libyan Arab Jamahiriya</i>	0.117	1,943	2,706	4,649
<i>Lithuania</i>	0.059	980	1,365	2,345
<i>Luxembourg</i>	0.163	2,707	3,770	6,477
<i>Madagascar</i>	0.004	66	93	159
<i>Malawi</i>	0.001	17	23	40
<i>Malaysia</i>	0.361	5,995	8,350	14,346
<i>Maldives</i>	0.001	17	23	40
<i>Mali</i>	0.001	17	23	40
<i>Mauritania</i>	0.001	17	23	40
<i>Mauritius</i>	0.021	349	486	835
<i>Morocco</i>	0.079	1,312	1,827	3,139
<i>Myanmar</i>	0.009	149	208	358
<i>Namibia</i>	0.011	183	254	437
<i>Netherlands</i>	3.559	59,108	82,321	141,429
<i>Nicaragua</i>	0.004	66	93	159
<i>Niger</i>	0.001	17	23	40

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Contracting Parties	Rate %	Contribution US\$		Total US\$
		2010	2011	
<i>Norway</i>	1.486	24,679	34,372	59,051
<i>Oman</i>	0.138	2,292	3,192	5,484
<i>Pakistan</i>	0.112	1,860	2,591	4,451
<i>Palau</i>	0.001	17	23	40
<i>Panama</i>	0.043	714	995	1,709
<i>Paraguay</i>	0.009	149	208	358
<i>Peru</i>	0.147	2,441	3,400	5,842
<i>Philippines</i>	0.147	2,441	3,400	5,842
<i>Poland</i>	0.953	15,827	22,043	37,871
<i>Portugal</i>	1.002	16,641	23,177	39,818
<i>Qatar</i>	0.163	2,707	3,770	6,477
<i>Republic of Korea</i>	4.13	68,591	95,528	164,119
<i>Romania</i>	0.132	2,192	3,053	5,245
<i>Saint Lucia</i>	0.001	17	23	40
<i>Samoa</i>	0.001	17	23	40
<i>Sao Tome and Principe</i>	0.001	17	23	40
<i>Saudi Arabia</i>	1.422	23,617	32,891	56,508
<i>Senegal</i>	0.008	133	185	318
<i>Seychelles</i>	0.004	66	93	159
<i>Sierra Leone</i>	0.001	17	23	40
<i>Slovenia</i>	0.183	3,039	4,233	7,272
<i>Spain</i>	5.641	93,686	130,478	224,164
<i>Sudan</i>	0.019	316	439	755
<i>Sweden</i>	2.035	33,797	47,070	80,867
<i>Switzerland</i>	2.311	38,381	53,454	91,835
<i>Syrian Arab Republic</i>	0.03	498	694	1,192
<i>Togo</i>	0.001	17	23	40
<i>Trinidad and Tobago</i>	0.051	847	1,180	2,027
<i>Tunisia</i>	0.059	980	1,365	2,345
<i>Turkey</i>	0.724	12,024	16,746	28,771
<i>Uganda</i>	0.006	100	139	238
<i>United Arab Emirates</i>	0.575	9,550	13,300	22,850
<i>United Kingdom</i>	12.622	209,626	291,951	501,577
<i>United Republic of Tanzania</i>	0.011	183	254	437
<i>Uruguay</i>	0.051	847	1,180	2,027
<i>Venezuela</i>	0.38	6,311	8,790	15,101
<i>Yemen</i>	0.013	216	301	517
<i>Zambia</i>	0.001	17	23	40
<i>Zimbabwe</i>	0.015	249	347	596
Total	100.000	1,660,798	2,313,034	3,973,833

Addendum 5

Possible Supporting Activities¹⁴ to Be Funded under the Special Fund for Agreed Purposes¹⁵ (Rule VI.2b)

<i>Activity</i>	<i>Area covered</i>	<i>Amount ((thousands of US\$)</i>
<i>Awareness raising in related policy areas and processes</i>	All	200
<i>Establishing on-line learning courses</i>	All	442
<i>Assistance for implementation of Arts 5 and 6</i>	Arts 5&6	500
<i>Legal technical assistance for Treaty implementation</i>	All	350
<i>Management of the project cycle</i>	FS	450
<i>Evaluation of the overall programme and operation of the Funding Strategy</i>	FS	60
<i>Special task force on resource mobilization</i>	FS	300
<i>National and regional case studies and lessons learned on the non commercial benefit sharing provisions of the MLS</i>	MLS	200
<i>Establishment of a MLS Clearing House Mechanism</i>	MLS	150
<i>Joint Capacity Building Programme</i>	MLS	1 500
<i>Training on MLS and SMTA operations</i>	MLS	200
<i>Communication campaigns</i>	All	150
<i>Ad hoc technical committee</i>	MLS	90
<i>Multi -Stakeholder platform for MLS users</i>	MLS	60
<i>Ad Hoc Advisory Committee on the Funding Strategy</i>	FS	28
<i>Meetings of the CBCM</i>	all	48
<i>Vision paper and Platform on Art. 17</i>	Art. 17	90
<i>Ad Hoc Working Group on Compliance</i>	Arts 19&21	30
<i>Regional Workshops on Farmers' Rights</i>	Art 9	150
TOTAL		4 998

¹⁴ Adopted as Addendum 1 to Annex 1 of the Resolution 1/2009

¹⁵ Financial Rule V.1d provides for a Multi-donor Special Fund, for "other voluntary payments by Contracting Parties, for purposes agreed between the contributor and the Secretary". Rule V.1e provides for separate Individual-donor Funds for "other voluntary payment by Contracting Parties, by IGOs, by NGOs or other entities for purposes agreed between the contributor and the Secretary."