



The International Treaty

ON PLANT GENETIC RESOURCES FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE



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NOTIFICATION

Inputs for the Consultation on the Global Information System on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (COGIS-PGRFA)

Dear Madam/Sir,

I have the honour to draw your attention to the opportunity to provide relevant available information as contribution to the work of the *Consultation on the Global Information System on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (COGIS-PGRFA)* established by the Governing Body at its Fifth Session by Resolution 10/2013¹.

As with other intersessional processes, the Secretariat will prepare a number of technical input papers as documentation for the Consultation. These papers will take into account all available information of relevance for the development of the Global Information System, including:

- (i) ~~Open input to~~ national and regional priorities on information exchange;
- (ii) Information on relevant ongoing initiatives, projects and programmes at national, regional and international levels of relevance for the development of Article 17 of the International Treaty;
- (iii) Inputs on information gaps on scientific, technical and environmental matters on PGRFA;
- (iv) Best practices and appropriate methodologies for the strengthening of an effective global information system;
- (v) Other relevant inputs for the elaboration of the Vision paper on the Global Information System.

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¹ The Resolution 10/2013 is available online at:
http://www.planttreaty.org/content/fifth_gb_resolutions

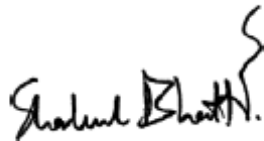


I therefore invite Contracting Parties, Non-Contracting Parties, stakeholder groups and relevant international organizations to make available any information relevant to the above topics. The private sector and fbsn fstápsshboj{buipotbsf!brtp!jwufe tp contribute.

To facilitate the consolidation of the information by the Secretariat in the technical input papers being prepared for the Consultation, I would appreciate if information could be sent by 10 July 2014 electronically to PGRFA-Treaty@fao.org and in hard copy to:

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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.

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International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources
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