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NOTIFICATION

Sixth Session of the Governing Body Dispatch of the Official Invitations Rome (Italy), 5 – 9 October, 2015

Dear Madam/Sir,

Recalling the notification GB6-034 of 26 January 2015, I have the honour to remind Contracting Parties that the Sixth Session of the Governing Body of the International Treaty will take place in Rome, Italy, from 5 to 9 October 2015, and inform that the official invitations to the Session are being dispatched through the official communication channels of FAO.

The Session will be preceded by two days of regional consultations and other related events on 3 and 4 October. The Session will be conducted in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish.

The Session is convened under the provisions of Article 19 of the Treaty and is open to all Contracting Parties to the International Treaty and observers. The Director-General would appreciate receiving, by **<u>19 June 2015</u>**, the name(s) of the delegate, alternate, expert(s) and adviser(s) of each Contracting Party or, in the case of Non-Parties, the name(s) of the observer(s) designated to participate in the Session.

Online registration for country delegations is accessible for FAO Members through the password-protected area of the FAO Members Gateway at: <u>http://www.fao.org/members-gateway/home/en</u>. The registration is done directly by the Permanent Representations to FAO. Please note that online registration requires the uploading of a recent passport-size digital photograph.

Representatives from observer organizations designated to attend the meeting are requested to compile a registration form and send it to the Secretariat at PGRFA-Treaty@fao.org, together with a recent passport-size photograph. The form can be downloaded online at:

http://www.planttreaty.org/content/pre-registration-form-observers-attending-gb6



The Secretariat, with the guidance of the Bureau of the Sixth Session, is working on the preparation of the Session and will publish additional information on arrangements, including support to developing country participants, at: http://www.planttreaty.org/content/gb6-meeting-room

For any query or request for further information, please contact the Secretariat of the International Treaty at: <u>PGRFA-Treaty@fao.org</u>

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

Saluel BL.

Dr Shakeel Bhatti Secretary of the Governing Body International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture