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**APPENDIX A.8**  
**RESOLUTION 8/2009**  
**COOPERATION WITH OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS,  
INCLUDING AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE GOVERNING BODY AND THE  
INTERNATIONAL AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH CENTERS OF THE  
CONSULTATIVE GROUP ON INTERNATIONAL AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH  
AND OTHER RELEVANT INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS**

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**THE GOVERNING BODY,**

*Recognizing* the importance of the cooperation between the Secretary of the International Treaty and other organizations in accordance with the Treaty and the guidance of the Governing Body;

*Welcoming* the strategy of technical cooperation with relevant international institutions and entities which the Secretariat of the International Treaty has employed to facilitate the implementation of the Treaty and *recognizing* that the maintenance of such partnerships constitutes a major workload and expenditure of effort by the Secretariat;

*Acknowledging* the ongoing fruitful collaboration between the International Treaty and, in particular, the Convention on Biological Diversity, the International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants, the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, the World Health Organization, the World Intellectual Property Organization, and the World Trade Organization;

*Recalling* the invitation made by the eight Conference of the Parties of the Convention on Biological Diversity to the Secretariat of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture to join the Liaison Group of Biodiversity-related Conventions;

*Stressing* the need to exchange information and coordinate capacity building initiatives for implementation of the Treaty by relevant organizations and institutions;

*Welcoming* the progress made within the Joint Capacity Building Programme for Developing Countries set up by the International Treaty, FAO and Bioversity International to provide technical assistance with implementation of the Treaty and in particular its Multilateral System of Access and Benefit-sharing by developing countries;

*Recognizing* the need to expand the duration of the Joint Capacity Building Programme to the full biennium 2010-2011 and the number of countries that receive assistance by voluntary contributions to the Special Funds for agreed purposes;

1. *Requests* the Secretary to continue enhancing the collaboration with other international organizations, especially the Convention on Biological Diversity in regard to the

conservation and sustainable use of agricultural biological diversity, access to plant genetic resources and benefit-sharing; stressing the importance of collaboration during forthcoming negotiations on the International Regime on Access and Benefit-sharing which are to be completed at the earliest possible time before the 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Conference of Parties in 2010 in Japan;

2. **Requests** the Secretary to continue participating in relevant meetings of the World Intellectual Property Organization, the International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants and the World Health Organization;
3. **Requests** the Secretary to continue overseeing the Joint Capacity Building Programme for Developing Countries set up by the International Treaty, FAO and Bioversity International to provide technical assistance with implementation of the Treaty and in particular its Multilateral System of Access and Benefit-sharing as well as *invites* on a voluntary basis additional funding and partners for its expansion;
4. **Requests** the Secretary to convene, in accordance with the terms of references appended to this Resolution, the second and third meetings of the Capacity Building Coordination Mechanism to exchange information and coordinate capacity building initiatives for implementation of the Treaty by relevant organizations and institutions as well as indicate areas where further guidance from the Governing Body may be required based on experiences and lessons learned;
5. **Requests** the Secretary to facilitate cooperation for the development and strengthening of a global information system for the exchange of information, based on existing information systems, on scientific, technical and environmental matters related to plant genetic resources for food and agriculture as envisaged in Article 17 of the Treaty and in accordance with the Conclusions of the Second Technical Consultation on Information Technology Support for the Implementation of the Multilateral System;
6. **Requests** the Secretariat to foster cooperation with other organizations and strengthen existing cooperative arrangements with a view to developing synergies and reducing inefficiencies in a manner consistent with their respective mandates, governance arrangements and agreed programs, based on available resources;
7. **Requests** the Secretary to report to the Governing Body at its Fourth Session on relevant activities undertaken by the Secretary to maintain, strengthen and extend the partnerships, synergies and cooperation with other organizations.

## *Annex*

### **TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE SECOND AND THIRD MEETINGS OF THE CAPACITY BUILDING COORDINATION MECHANISM**

#### *Background*

The Capacity Building Coordination Mechanism (CBCM) is a platform of providers of capacity building. This platform serves organizations and institutions involved in capacity building activities for the implementation of the Treaty as a central point for information exchange and coordination on capacity building initiatives.

The platform includes the actual providers of capacity building for the implementation of the Treaty, i.e. staff from international and regional organizations, non-governmental organizations, bilateral development aid agencies, private foundations as well as other stakeholders in capacity building for implementation of the Treaty.

#### *Scope and objectives of the CBCM meetings*

Based on information gathered by the Secretariat on ongoing capacity building initiatives of relevance to Treaty implementation and Contracting Parties' needs and priorities for capacity building, the CBCM shall:

1. Facilitate the channelling of capacity building needs and priorities, as expressed by developing countries that are Contracting Parties to the Treaty, to capacity building providers;
2. Conduct a review of recent and ongoing capacity building projects and programmes undertaken by national, regional and international organizations and institutions;
3. Identify gaps in the geographic and thematic coverage of capacity building initiatives;
4. Identify best practices and refine appropriate methodologies for the coordination of capacity building activities for Treaty implementation; and
5. Report to the Fourth Session of the Governing Body on its activities and indicate areas where guidance from the Governing Body may be required.