



The International Treaty

ON PLANT GENETIC RESOURCES FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE



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THIRD SESSION OF THE GOVERNING BODY

Tunis, Tunisia, 1 – 5 June 2009

LIST OF OBSERVERS WHO HAVE REQUESTED APPROVAL TO BE REPRESENTED AT THE THIRD SESSION OF THE GOVERNING BODY IN ACCORDANCE WITH RULE VII.2 OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE

1. As established under Article 19.5 of the Treaty, any *“body or agency, whether governmental or non-governmental, qualified in fields relating to conservation and sustainable use of plant genetic resources for food and agriculture, which has informed the Secretary of the Treaty of its wish to be represented as an observer at a session of the Governing Body, may be admitted unless at least one third of the Contracting Parties present object”*.
2. The Rules of Procedure adopted by the Governing Body at its First Session in June 2006, state that *“such observers may, upon invitation of the Chairperson, participate without the right to vote in sessions of the Governing Body on matters of direct concern to the body or agency they represent unless at least one third of the Contracting Parties present at the session object”*¹. The Rules of Procedure further foresee that *“before the opening of a session of the Governing Body the Secretary will circulate a list of observers who have requested approval to be represented at the session”*².
3. The following bodies and agencies have requested approval to be represented at the Third Session of the Governing Body of the Treaty:

Action Group on Erosion, Technology and Concentration (ETC Group)

Asociación para la Naturaleza y el Desarrollo Sostenible (ANDES)

Association de Réflexion d'échanges et d'actions pour l'Environnement et le Développement (AREA-ED)

¹ IT/GB-1/06/Report, *Appendix D*, Rules of Procedure of the Governing Body, Rule VII.2.

² IT/GB-1/06/Report, *Appendix D*, Rules of Procedure of the Governing Body, Rule VII.4.

Association pour l'Etude et l'Amélioration du Maïs (PRO-MAÏS)
Community Biodiversity Conservation and Development (CBDC)
Community Counselling Service (CCS)
CropLife International
French Agricultural Research Centre for International Development (CIRAD)
GRAIN
International Federation of Organic Agriculture Movements (IFOAM)
International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD)
International Planning Committee for Food Sovereignty (IPC)
International Seed Federation (ISF)
International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (UPOV)
La Via Campesina
Local Initiatives for Biodiversity, Research and Development (LI-BIRD)
NMR Foundation for Research and Development
Oxfam Novib
Pacific Community (PC)
Peruvian Society for Environmental Law (SPDA)
Policy Research for Development Alternative (UBINIG)
Practical Action
Programa Colaborativo de Fitomejoramiento Participativo en Mesoamérica (FPMA)
Reseau Semences Paysannes (RSP)
Slow Food
South Centre
Southeast Asian Regional Initiatives for Community Empowerment (SEARICE)
Southern African Development Community (SADC)
Swedish International Biodiversity Programme (SwedBio)
Swiss Commission for the Conservation of Cultivated Plants (CPC)
Université Catholique de Louvain
Unitarian Service Committee of Canada (USC Canada)