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To the Secretary of the International Treaty
on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture
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Subject: notification regarding the contribution of Poland to the Multilateral System

Dear Mr Shakeel Bhatti,

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 Department of Plant Breeding and Plant Protection of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development on behalf of Poland wishes to notify to you that the following plant genetic resources for food and agriculture listed in *Annex I* and maintained in Poland have been included in the Multilateral System.

1. The collections held by the Plant Breeding and Acclimatization Institute (IHAR), located in Radzików (20 992 accessions).
2. The collections of *Solanum* held by the Plant Breeding and Acclimatization Institute (IHAR), Research Division in Młochów (7 accessions).
3. The collections of *Malus* held by Arboretum and Institute of Physiography in Bolestraszyce (533 accessions).

4. The collections of *Malus* held by the Association of the Chełmiński and Nadwiślański Landscape Park, located in Świecie (87 accessions).
5. The collections of *Malus* held by Polish Academy of Sciences Botanical Garden - Center for Biological Diversity Conservation in Powsin (215 accessions).
6. The collections of grasses held by the Botanical Garden of the Plant Breeding and Acclimatization Institute (IHAR) in Bydgoszcz (24 accessions).
7. The collections of medicinal plants held by the Warsaw University of Life Sciences – SGGW (16 accessions).

Through the website of the National Centre for Plant Genetic Resources in Poland (<http://egiset.ihar.edu.pl/>) detailed data on the composition of the collections and user procedures to order samples are readily available.

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.

Yours sincerely



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