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Subject: notification regarding the contribution of Estonia to the Multilateral System

Dear Mr 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 Ministry of Agriculture on behalf of Estonia wishes to notify to you that the following plant genetic resources for food and agriculture listed in *Annex I* and maintained in Estonia have been included in the Multilateral System.

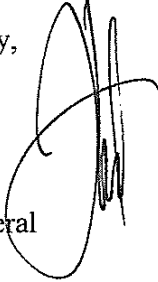
1. The collections held by the Genebank of the Jõgeva Plant Breeding Institute, located in Jõgeva.
2. The potato collection held by the Department of Plant Biotechnology EVIKA of the Estonian Agricultural Research Centre, located in Saku.
3. The *Malus*, *Prunus*, *Pyrus*, *Ribes*, *Rubus*, *Fragaria* collection held by the Polli Horticultural Research Centre of the Estonian University of Life Sciences, located in Polli.

Through the website <http://www.nordgen.org/sesto/index.php?scp=est&thm=sesto> detailed data on the composition of the collections is 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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Secretary General

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