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## NOTIFICATION

### Update on the process for identification of possible areas of interrelations between the International Treaty and relevant instruments of UPOV and WIPO

Dear Madam/Sir,

The purpose of this notification is to provide an update on the process for the identification of possible areas of interrelations between the Treaty, especially its Article 9 on Farmers' Rights, and relevant instruments of UPOV and WIPO, following the successful conclusion of the Sixth Session of the Governing Body.

At its Sixth Session, the Governing Body requested the Secretary “*to continue engaging, in a mutually supportive manner with the International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plant (UPOV) and the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) to jointly, and including through a participatory and inclusive process, as appropriate and subject to availability of resources, finalize the process for identification of possible areas of interrelations between their respective instruments and the Treaty and report on the outcomes to the Seventh Session of the Governing Body*” (Resolution 5/2015, para. 12)

Following this request, the Secretary and the Chair of the Seventh Session of the Governing Body informed the 49th Ordinary Session of the UPOV Council on 29 October 2015 about the outcomes of the Sixth Session of the Governing Body.

The Consultative Committee of UPOV at its 90th Session on 28 October 2015 had also discussed the possible areas of interrelations and it invited the Secretary to make a presentation at its 91st Session in March 2016. It also agreed to invite the members of the Union to comment on the areas of interrelations that were identified so far by the Treaty's Contracting Parties, stakeholders and others, and to discuss possible submissions at its 91st Session. Finally, the Consultative Committee also discussed the idea of a symposium, in which Contracting Parties would present information on their experiences in implementing the UPOV Convention and the Treaty.

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The Treaty will await the comments received from members of the Union on the areas of interrelations that were identified so far by the Treaty's Contracting Parties, stakeholders and others at the next Session of the Consultative Committee and will attend the Session.

In case you need further information please contact the Secretariat at [PGRFA-Treaty@fao.org](mailto:PGRFA-Treaty@fao.org).

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Shakeel Bhatti', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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