

We would like to submit our upcoming analysis on the quantification of interdependence in the genetic resources underpinning national food supplies, and its supplementary information, to the *Ad Hoc* Working group. We believe that the results will serve as an important contribution to the analysis of the factors that influence the willingness of stakeholder groups to make contributions to the Benefit-sharing Fund and to access plant genetic resources for food and agriculture from the Multilateral System, including the potential enhancement of the Multilateral System to include more crops of global significance, as elucidated in our study. CIAT and the Global Crop Diversity Trust have long-standing collaborations with the Treaty Secretariat and we look forward to continue such collaborations in the preparation of the upcoming analysis, so as to make available the research results in the most accessible manner to inform the policy discussions.

Thank you for your consideration of inclusion of our contributions to the goals of the *Ad Hoc* Working Group.

Sincerely,



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