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**ELEVENTH MEETING OF THE *AD HOC* ADVISORY COMMITTEE
ON THE FUNDING STRATEGY AND RESOURCE MOBILIZATION**

Rome, Italy, 8 – 10 May 2019

**DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR A POTENTIAL STANDING
COMMITTEE ON THE FUNDING STRATEGY AND RESOURCE
MOBILIZATION**

At its Seventh Session, the Governing Body of the International Treaty decided to reconvene the *Ad Hoc* Committee on the Funding Strategy and Resource Mobilization for the 2018-19 biennium and requested, through its revised mandate, that the Committee develop terms of reference for a potential Standing Committee on the Funding Strategy and Resource Mobilization (the Funding Committee) for consideration at the Eighth Session of the Governing Body.

This document contains the draft Terms of Reference of the potential Funding Committee. The *Ad Hoc* Committee is invited to review the draft text to be transmitted to the Governing Body for its consideration at its Eighth Session.

The *Ad Hoc* Committee is also invited to provide guidance on matters pertaining to the procedures and composition of the Committee, with a view to integrate these matters in the Draft Resolution, in particular:

1. *Number of meetings to be held during the biennium*: including to consider that the Committee would meet at least twice per biennium;
2. *Membership of the Funding Committee*: including to consider that:
 - a. the Committee would be regionally balanced, consisting of two representatives from each Region;
 - b. in order to ensure continuity within the Committee, Members of the Funding Committee, including its Co-Chairs, would invited to serve for up to two or four years. The Committee may wish to consider practices established already in other subsidiary bodies of the Governing Body, including the Compliance Committee.
3. *Observers and participation of experts and stakeholders*: the meetings of the Funding Committee would be open unless it decides otherwise. The Co-Chairs would encourage participation from a wide range of experts and stakeholders involved in the implementation of the Funding Strategy. The Co-Chairs may continue to invite Observers on the basis of expertise and relevance.

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Draft Terms of Reference
[Standing] Committee on the Funding Strategy and Resource Mobilization
(Funding Committee)

The Funding Committee will assist the Governing Body in exercising its functions with respect to the Funding Strategy of the International Treaty through activities such as:

- a. Making recommendations on how to improve the coherence, effectiveness and efficiency of the Funding Strategy;
- b. Providing to the Governing Body draft guidance for the implementation of the Funding Strategy, taking into account the reports on the Funding Strategy and other reports, as well as submissions from Contracting Parties;
- c. Developing cooperation for the implementation of the Funding Strategy, and in doing so, Members are encouraged to promote the implementation of the Funding Strategy in their capacity as Funding Committee Members;
- d. Providing guidance and decisions on the operations of the Benefit-sharing Fund during the biennium, as outlined in the Operational Manual: Benefit-Sharing Fund (*Annex 2* of the Funding Strategy);
- e. Reviewing the implementation of non-monetary benefit-sharing measures and suggesting any additional measures that may be required;
- f. Providing expert input, including through independent reviews and assessments on the implementation of the Funding Strategy;
- g. Preparing periodic overviews of finance flows to areas of Treaty implementation, including information on the sources and thematic balance of such flows, and use of the different funding tools;
- h. Strengthening cooperation with the Global Crop Diversity Trust, in its role as an essential element of the Funding Strategy of the Treaty in relation to *ex situ* conservation;
- i. Providing a forum for communication and continued exchange of information among bodies and entities dealing with finance for agrobiodiversity and climate change in order to promote linkages and coherence, as appropriate;
- j. Maintaining linkages with the Governing Body and its Subsidiary Bodies;
- k. Performing any other functions that may, from time to time, be assigned to it by the Governing Body.