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**INTERNATIONAL TREATY ON PLANT GENETIC RESOURCES FOR
FOOD AND AGRICULTURE**

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

Rome, Italy, 8 – 10 May 2019

**ELEMENTS FOR A DRAFT RESOLUTION **/2019 –
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE UPDATED FUNDING STRATEGY OF
THE INTERNATIONAL TREATY 2020 – 2025**

This document contains elements for a draft Resolution to be considered for inclusion in the Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Funding Strategy and Resource Mobilization to the Eighth Session of the Governing Body. It relates to the adoption and implementation of the Funding Strategy, and Terms of Reference of the potential Standing Committee on the Funding Strategy and Resource Mobilization.

THE GOVERNING BODY,

Recalling Articles 13.2, 13.3, 18 and 19.3f of the International Treaty;

Recalling Resolutions 3/2017 and 2/2015 which set the basis for the review of the Funding Strategy and other previous Resolutions on the implementation of the Funding Strategy;

1. *Welcomes* the report of the *Ad Hoc* Committee on the Funding Strategy and Resource Mobilization and the progress made in updating the Funding Strategy;

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2. *Decides* to adopt the Funding Strategy of the International Treaty for the period 2020 to 2025, as contained in Annex 1 of this Resolution, in order to enhance the availability, transparency, efficiency and effectiveness of the provision of financial resources to implement activities under this Treaty.
3. *Decides* to establish, within the Funding Strategy, a target of [xx million USD] to support the implementation of the International Treaty through a wide range of sources and channels.
4. *Urgently calls upon* Contracting Parties, the private sector and other donors to continue making and increasing financial contributions in order to meet the target of the Funding Strategy;
5. *Calls upon* FAO to prioritize the delivery of programmes and projects supportive of implementation of the Treaty, and to support the nexus between biodiversity and climate change, in particular, through its involvement in the Global Environment Facility and Global Climate Fund, as appropriate, and to actively contribute to the work of the Committee;
6. *Invites* relevant international mechanisms, funds and bodies, stakeholder groups and other international organizations to provide information to the Secretariat that will enable the Committee to better leverage funding for Treaty implementation and the delivery of non-monetary benefit-sharing;
7. In order to achieve the Funding Strategy target by 2025, the Governing Body *decides* to establish [7] initial key measures:
 - i. [Enhancing the integration of PGRFA in national development plans, national budgets and priorities for donor support and external funding and develop strategic tools that national focal points and others at national level can use to leverage new financial resources;
 - ii. Encouraging bilateral donors and development partners to promote the implementation of the Strategy and further integrate the Treaty implementation in their programmes, and increase the visibility and recognition of their efforts;
 - iii. Increasing the priority and attention given to the Treaty by relevant international mechanisms, funds and bodies, including within FAO's programmes, partnerships with the Global Environment Facility (GEF) and other multilateral mechanisms, and resource mobilization efforts;
 - iv. Establishing a network of Treaty-enabling partners that have successfully integrated PGRFA in larger sustainable development and climate change programmes, and share the lessons learned to build the capacity of others to participate in such programmes;
 - v. Developing a range of initiatives lead by Contracting Parties and enabling partners, such as the Global Crop Diversity Trust, to mobilize funds from innovative sources, including a strategy for food processing industries, as called for in Article 13.6 of the Treaty;
 - vi. Strengthening the monitoring and reporting of the Funding Strategy, including by undertaking periodic overviews of finance flows to areas of Treaty implementation by combining existing tools of the Governing Body and other institutions such as the OECD and FAO, as well as expert input;

- vii. Considering relevant policy criteria for specific assistance under the Funding Strategy for the conservation of PGRFA in developing countries, and countries with economies in transition whose contributions to the diversity of PGRFA in the Multilateral System is significant and/or has special needs, as called for in Article 13.4 of the Treaty.]
8. **Welcomes** the dynamic and synergistic programmatic approach developed for the Funding Strategy that is expected to:
- i. Improve funding opportunities for the implementation of the International Treaty by making the case to national decision-makers and development agencies of the importance of PGRFA as well as the interlinkages with other development issues;
 - ii. Strengthen linkages between different funding sources and partners relevant to the International Treaty, by pursuing collaborative planning and co-spending opportunities and identifying appropriate channels to make such linkages;
 - iii. Provide for a process for monitoring, evaluating and learning from lessons, experiences and information gained in previous implementation phases, and to structure new funding opportunities and identify and fill in gaps, including through the engagement of Treaty stakeholders.
9. **Requests** the Committee on the Funding Strategy and Resource Mobilization to play a leading role in advancing the realization and monitoring of the Funding Strategy in order to provide the necessary strategic guidance as well as operational oversight of relevant processes and activities relating to the Funding Strategy;
10. **Decides** to make the Committee a standing Committee and rename it “the Funding Committee”;
11. **Establishes** a basis for the work of the Funding Committee through the Terms of Reference contained in *Annex (xx)*;
12. **Decides** that the Committee shall be composed of two representatives from each region and that the Co-Chairs will have the capacity to extend the invitation to Observers on the basis of expertise and relevance.
13. [**Decides** that the meetings of the Funding Committee will be open unless the Committee decides otherwise and **requests** the Co-Chairs to continue to invite Observers on the basis of expertise and relevance and to encourage participation from a wide range of experts and stakeholders involved in the implementation of the Funding Strategy.]

OR

[**Decides** to invite two representatives from each of the following stakeholder groups as active observers to provide advice to the Committee in supporting the updating of the Funding Strategy:

- i) Farmers’ organizations;
 - ii) The CGIAR and other international institutions that have signed Article 15 agreements;
 - iii) The seed industry;
 - iv) Research Institutions and Foundations;
 - v) Civil society organizations;
 - vi) Food processing industry.]
14. **Invites** the Global Crop Diversity Trust as an active observer to provide advice to the work of the Committee;
15. **Decides** that the costs of the meetings of and the preparatory work for the Committee, including those to facilitate the participation of members of the Committee, shall be included in the Core

Administrative Budget as may be adopted by the Governing Body, supplemented by any voluntary contributions made available for that purpose, and *requests* the Secretary to include such costs into the Core Administrative Budget that is presented to the Governing Body for approval at its Regular Sessions;

16. *Calls on* donors to support developing countries and the Secretary with the costs of the work of the Committee.

PART II: THE FUNDING STRATEGY AND THE FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS UNDER THE GUIDANCE AND DIRECT CONTROL OF THE GOVERNING BODY

17. *Emphasizes* that the Benefit-sharing Fund and the Fund for Agreed Purposes are essential to the realization of the programmatic approach of the updated Funding Strategy and will play a critical role in its implementation.
18. *Welcomes* the finalization of the Operations Manual for the Funds for Agreed Purposes as contained in *Annex 1* of the Funding Strategy and *requests* the Secretary to provide information and reports on the Fund for Agreed Purposes to the Governing Body regularly;
19. *Decides* to establish a target for the Benefit-sharing Fund for the period from 2020 to 2025 of [xx million] USD;
20. *Welcomes* the finalization of the Operations Manual for the Benefit-sharing Fund as contained in *Annex 2* of the Funding Strategy, which brings together, for the first time, the resource mobilization, allocation and disbursement for the Fund in an integrated manner;

PART III: IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FUNDING STRATEGY DURING THE BIENNIUM 2018-2019

21. *[Draft Text to be provided by the Secretary through other documents to be made available directly to the Governing Body].*