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

FOURTH MEETING OF THE COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE

3 – 4 February 2021

RECORD OF THE MEETING

Opening of the meeting

1. The Secretary of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture, Mr Kent Nnadozie, opened the fourth meeting of the Compliance Committee and welcomed the participants to the virtual meeting. He thanked the participants for their flexibility in joining the meeting virtually and emphasized the importance of the Committee's work for the implementation of the International Treaty. He confirmed that, in accordance with the Committee's Rules of Procedure, the members in attendance reached the quorum required for the meeting to proceed. The list of participants is contained in *Appendix 2*.

Election of the Chairperson and the Vice-Chairperson

2. The Committee re-elected Ms Angeline Munzara as Chairperson, and Ms Kim Van Seeters as Vice-Chairperson, for their second term.

Agenda

3. The Committee adopted its agenda as contained in *Appendix 1*.

Organization of work

4. The Committee agreed to allow the participation of observers at this particular meeting, while noting its discretion to limit the participation of observers depending on the nature of the issues before the Committee. However, in all cases, the prior consent of the Bureau of the Committee must be sought and obtained before an observer could be allowed to attend.

5. The Committee commended the Secretariat for the excellent quality of the documentation prepared for the meeting.

Review of the outcomes of the Eighth Session of the Governing Body of relevance to Compliance

6. The Committee took note of the decisions made by the Governing Body at its Eighth Session, as outlined and annotated in the document, IT/GB-9/CC-4/21/3. The Committee also noted that no additional resources had been provided to the Secretary to support capacity development activities during the first part of the biennium, and acknowledged that the prevailing COVID-19 global pandemic constituted an additional challenge.

7. Noting that only four additional reports had been received from Contracting Parties since the Eighth Session of the Governing Body, the Committee extensively discussed possible reasons for and solutions to the lack of reporting, including needs and measures for capacity development.

In particular, it identified options to continue promoting reporting by Contracting Parties in accordance with Section V of the *Compliance Procedures*, including the following:

- a. The Secretary to send additional reminders to the Contracting Parties on the importance of reporting and on the resources and mechanisms available to support and facilitate the reporting process;
 - b. The Secretary to establish a help-desk on compliance, focusing on providing support to Contracting Parties in submitting the national reports;
 - c. Members of the Committee to play an active role, on a voluntary basis, for example by circulating information to national focal points of Contracting Parties in the respective regions;
 - d. Subject to the availability of resources, the Secretary to organise training workshops, and virtual webinar training and information sessions on reporting; promote the use of multimedia resources; and circulate an updated information note, in various languages, to national focal points on how to report;
 - e. The Secretary to identify and develop partnerships with other organizations and regional networks, as well as synergies with other FAO units at the headquarters and in the country offices, to raise awareness and to support Contracting Parties with their reporting.
8. The Committee also noted the request of the Governing Body for the Compliance Committee to work in collaboration with other subsidiary bodies.

Monitoring and reporting

9. Pursuant to Section V of the *Procedures and operational mechanisms to promote compliance and address issues of non-compliance* and Resolution 2/2011 of the Governing Body, the Committee considered the document, IT/GB-9/CC-4/21/4, *Synthesis of reports received from Contracting Parties on measures taken to implement the provisions of the International Treaty*, prepared on the basis of the fifty-seven (57) reports received from Contracting Parties on measures taken to implement the International Treaty.
10. In reviewing the document, the Committee followed the methodology and structure it had established at its second and third meetings to elaborate its report. With regard to the synthesis, the Committee requested the Secretary to further develop some of the sections for which additional information was available, by providing further details and examples, e.g. regarding the main threats to PGRFA, as reported by Contracting Parties.
11. The Committee considered that the analysis section could also be further developed, and requested the Secretary to update it, for the consideration by the Committee and the finalisation of its report to the Ninth Session of the Governing Body, specifically by:
- a. Putting the section in context by adding more background description on the important role of the International Treaty within the broader global development framework, in particular in relation to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The analysis section should also contain a reference to the role of the International Treaty in the future implementation of the post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework;
 - b. Adding new elements of analysis based on the general remarks received from Contracting Parties and already captured in another section of the report;
 - c. Including any other elements submitted in writing by the members of the Compliance Committee.
12. The Committee noted that under the second reporting cycle, Contracting Parties may submit their reports up to 1 October 2023. The Committee decided to include any national reports received up to 30 April 2021 into its report to the Ninth Session of the Governing Body, and

requested the Secretary to circulate an updated version of the synthesis report to Committee members by 30 May 2021.

13. The Committee was of the view that all Contracting Parties are to submit reports on the measures they have taken to implement the International Treaty; Contracting Party organizations may also provide information and data to the relevant sections of the Standard Reporting Format.

14. The Committee welcomed the document, IT/GB-9/CC-4/21/4/2, *Global Indicators Relevant to the Implementation of the International Treaty*, and noted how the existing datasets contributed by Contracting Parties under Section V of the *Compliance Procedures*, and through other mechanisms, had been re-used for the production of progress reports on key global indicators.

15. In reviewing the indicators contained in the document, the Committee noted that some of them focused on access and benefit-sharing related to PGRFA and invited the Secretary to consider the production of indicators to cover other areas of work as well, e.g. conservation and sustainable use. The Committee was of the view that a balanced set of indicators should be diversified and cover a wider spectrum of existing activities, dimensions and datasets.

16. The Committee recalled that the work of the International Treaty is not only related to SDG 2 and SDG 15, but also to other SDGs, including SDG 17 (“revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development”), and that this should continue to be referenced in future work.

17. The Committee noted that showing the use and value of the data collected through the *Compliance Procedures* was a powerful mechanism of encouragement to Contracting Parties and invited the Secretary to further update the document for the continuing information of Contracting Parties.

18. The Committee also agreed to invite Contracting Parties to promote the important role of the International Treaty in the regional conferences and in other meetings of FAO.

Reviews under the mandate the Compliance Committee

19. The Committee considered the document, IT/GB-9/CC-4/21/5, *Reviews under the Mandate of the Compliance Committee*, and welcomed the publication of the revised Standard Reporting Format and the upgrades made to the Online Reporting System.

20. The Committee discussed the review of the *Compliance Procedures*. It concluded that the information currently available was not sufficient for the Governing Body to undertake the review. Therefore, it agreed to recommend that the Governing Body postpone the review foreseen in Section X of the *Compliance Procedures* to its Tenth Session.

Future work of the Compliance Committee

21. The Committee considered document, IT/GB-9/CC-4/21/6, *Future work of the Compliance Committee*, containing information on potential activities and approaches related to its possible future work. The Committee discussed a number of options and agreed on the initial recommendations as reflected in Section IV of its draft report to the Governing Body, as contained in *Appendix 3* to this Record.

22. The Committee requested the Secretary to continue encouraging Contracting Parties to submit:

- a) their national reports under Section V of the *Compliance Procedures*, or to update those already submitted, if needed;
- a) technical questions related to the implementation of the International Treaty;
- b) views and options for the reviews requested or otherwise foreseen by the Governing Body.

23. The Committee invited its members to reach out to Contracting Parties in their respective regions to provide information and support in matters related to compliance, and agreed to include

a similar invitation in the proposed elements for a draft Resolution, as provided in *Annex 3 to Appendix 3*.

24. The Committee noted that, in addition to increasing the number of national reports received, the organization of regional workshops on the implementation of the International Treaty had been useful for identifying gaps and needs as well as possible options and solutions.

25. The Committee considered, as one possible area for future work, the development of legal and administrative options to assist Contracting Parties in ensuring the conformity of the national legislation with the International Treaty.

26. The Committee acknowledged the process for preparing the draft Capacity Development Strategy, as outlined in document, IT/GB-9/CC-4/21/6/Inf.1, *Draft Capacity Development Strategy for Implementation of the International Treaty*, and agreed to provide comments electronically on the first draft that the Secretariat would circulate in due course, on issues related to the promotion of compliance.

Other matters

27. The Committee noted that according to the *Compliance Procedures*, the Governing Body shall elect, as appropriate, new members for a full term to replace those whose term is about to expire, bearing in mind that no member shall serve for more than two consecutive terms.

Record of the meeting

28. The Committee adopted this record of the meeting electronically, containing: the proceedings of the meeting; an initial draft report to the Ninth Session of the Governing Body; and initial elements for the draft Resolution. The Committee agreed to finalize its report to the Ninth Session of the Governing Body, following the relevant updates to the synthesis and analysis sections, either by electronic means or at its next meeting, if it decides to hold one.

AGENDA

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Organizational matters:
 - 2.1. Election of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson
 - 2.2. Adoption of the Agenda
 - 2.3. Organization of work
3. Review of the outcomes of the Eighth Session of the Governing Body of relevance to compliance.
4. Monitoring and reporting
5. Reviews under the mandate of the Compliance Committee
6. Future work of the Compliance Committee
7. Other matters
8. Record and closure of the meeting

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*The year indicates the beginning of the first term of the Member.

In accordance with the Rules of Procedures of the Compliance Committee, the Governing Body shall elect the Members for a period of four years. The full term commences on 1 January of the first year of the financial period of the International Treaty following their election. Members shall not serve for more than two consecutive terms (Rule III.4).

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DRAFT REPORT OF THE COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE TO THE NINTH SESSION OF THE GOVERNING BODY

I. INTRODUCTION

1. The fourth meeting of the Compliance Committee of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture was held virtually from 3 to 4 February 2021. The Compliance Committee was established by Resolution 3/2006 of the Governing Body, pursuant to Articles 19.3e and 21 of the International Treaty.
2. The Governing Body, at its Fifth Session, approved the *Rules of Procedure of the Compliance Committee*¹, as well as the (voluntary) *Standard Reporting Format*,² pursuant to Section V.1 of the *Procedures and Operational Mechanisms to Promote Compliance and Address Issues of Non-Compliance (Compliance Procedures)*.³ The *Compliance Procedures* were approved at the Fourth Session of the Governing Body.
3. The meeting was convened in accordance with Section III.5 and Section V of the *Compliance Procedures* and Rule VI of the *Rules of Procedure of the Compliance Committee*.
4. The Committee re-elected Ms Angeline Munzara as Chairperson, and Ms Kim Van Seeters as Vice-Chairperson.
5. Pursuant to Section IV.g of the *Compliance Procedures*, the Committee shall submit a report to each regular session of the Governing Body reflecting (i) the work it has undertaken; (ii) its conclusions and recommendations; and (iii) the future programme of work of the Committee.
6. This report accordingly describes the work undertaken by the Committee during the current biennium and contains a number of recommendations for the consideration of the Governing Body.
7. Additionally, the Committee prepared, for the consideration of the Governing Body, the draft Resolution on Compliance contained in *Annex 3*.

II. MONITORING THE IMPLEMENTATION BY CONTRACTING PARTIES OF THEIR OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE TREATY

8. In accordance with Section IV of the *Compliance Procedures*, the Committee considered the (national) reports received from [57] Contracting Parties pursuant to Section V of the *Compliance Procedures*, as listed in *Annex 1*. Accordingly, the Committee prepared a synthesis based on the reports received, along with an analysis, noting that the Governing Body had not set any priorities or areas of focus with regard to the analysis of the reports. This synthesis and analysis, contained in *Annex 2*, are based on the reports received, with a view to assisting the Governing Body in monitoring implementation by Contracting Parties of their obligations under the International Treaty.
9. According to Section V.2 of the *Compliance Procedures*, the Committee shall consider reports that it has received up to 12 months before the next session of the Governing Body, taking into account any guidance given by the Governing Body.

¹ [Resolution 9/2013 Rev. 1](#), Annex 1.

² [Resolution 9/2013 Rev.1](#), Annex 2.

³ [Resolution 2/2011](#), Annex.

10. The Committee provisionally agreed to consider additional national reports that might be received after its meeting, up to 30 April 2021. Therefore, the synthesis and analysis provided in *Annex 2* to this report are based on the [57] national reports received by that date.

11. The national reports include [16 from the Africa Region, 13 from the European Region, 14 from the Latin America and the Caribbean Region, 8 from the Asia Region, 2 from the North America Region, 2 from the Near East Region and 2 from the South West Pacific Region.]

12. The vast majority of the reports used the voluntary *Standard Reporting Format*, submitted through the Online Reporting system.

13. The Committee was of the opinion that all Contracting Parties are to submit reports on the measures they have taken to implement the International Treaty; Contracting Party organizations may, *mutatis mutandis*, provide information and data to the relevant sections of the Standard Reporting Format.

Methodology

14. The information presented in the synthesis report follows the structure of the *Standard Reporting Format* contained in Resolution 9/2013. The synthesis aims to identify progress in and constraints to the implementation of the International Treaty at national level, as well as some general observations.

15. Where appropriate and relevant, the Committee agreed to categorize the submissions into economic and regional groupings in certain sections, including the reference to developing and developed country Contracting Parties. Where possible and useful, the Committee sought to identify regional trends.

III. REVIEWS UNDER THE MANDATE OF THE COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE

16. The Committee considered the number of reviews required under its mandate or requested by the Governing Body. Since most parts of the Compliance Procedures have not yet been put to practice, it agreed that the experience and information currently available is still not sufficient for the Governing Body to assess and review the effectiveness of the *Compliance Procedures*. It recommended that the Governing Body postpone the review foreseen in Section X of the *Compliance Procedures* to its Tenth Session.

IV. FUTURE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE

17. The Committee considered potential activities and approaches related to its possible future work. The Committee discussed a number of options and agreed on the following recommendations.

18. With regard to National reports on measures taken to implement obligations under the Treaty, the Committee reiterated the importance of the *Compliance Procedures*, which provide that the Committee shall consider the reports received up to 12 months before the next session of the Governing Body. The Committee invited those Contracting Parties that have not yet submitted their reports to send them during the second reporting cycle ending in October 2023. It also invited those Contracting Parties that have submitted their reports to update them, as necessary. The reports will remain valid until such date as they are updated.

19. The Committee further agreed that the Secretariat would compile the number of reports received up to 12 months before the Tenth Session of the Governing Body to prepare a summary and facilitate the monitoring of the implementation by the Compliance Committee in early 2023.

20. The Committee noted with concern the limited number of reports received from Contracting Parties since the Eighth Session of the Governing Body, as given in *Annex 1*. It identified a number of options to continue promoting the monitoring and reporting by Contracting

Parties under Section V of the *Compliance Procedures*, advising its members and the Secretary to take action accordingly:⁴

- a. The Secretary to send additional reminders to the Contracting Parties on the importance of reporting and on the resources and mechanisms available to support and facilitate the reporting process;
- b. The Secretary to establish a help-desk on compliance, focusing on providing support to Contracting Parties in submitting their national reports;
- c. Members of the Committee to play an active role, on a voluntary basis, for example by circulating information to national focal points of Contracting Parties in their respective regions;
- d. Subject to the availability of resources, the Secretary to organise training workshops, and virtual training and information sessions on reporting through webinars; promote the use of multimedia resources, and circulate an updated information note, in various languages, to national focal points on how to report;
- e. The Secretary to identify and develop partnerships with other organizations and regional networks, as well as synergies with other FAO units at the headquarters and in the country offices, to raise awareness and to support Contracting Parties with their reporting;

21. The Committee noted that in addition to increasing the number of national reports received, the organization of regional workshops on the implementation of the International Treaty had in the past been useful for identifying gaps and needs, as well as possible options and solutions.

22. In reviewing the relevance of its work for the monitoring of progress towards achieving the goals of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the Committee discussed the global indicators relevant to the implementation of the International Treaty and how the datasets shared by Contracting Parties through their national reports effectively contributed to the monitoring of progress.

23. Consequently, the Committee emphasized the important role of information shared by Contracting Parties through their reports under Section V of the *Compliance Procedures* in the context of monitoring progress in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, as well as the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework. This may be a further incentive for Contracting Parties to submit their national reports and keep them updated.

24. The Committee considered as one possible area for future work the development of legal and administrative options to assist Contracting Parties in ensuring the conformity of the national legislation with the International Treaty.

25. The Committee agreed to provide inputs for the development of the draft Capacity Development Strategy, on issues related to the promotion of compliance.

V. OTHER MATTERS

26. At its Eighth Session, the Governing Body elected the members of the Committee to serve for the 2020-2021 term, in accordance with Section III.4 of the *Compliance Procedures*. The list of members of the Committee, with an indication of their respective terms, is given in *Annex 4*.

27. According to the *Compliance Procedures*, the Governing Body shall elect, as appropriate, new members for a full term to replace those whose terms are about to expire, bearing in mind that no member shall serve for more than two consecutive terms.

⁴ As reflected in the record of its fourth meeting, IT/GB-9/CC-4/21/Record.

28. When electing the members of the Committee for the new term, the Governing Body would need to be cognizant that, pursuant to the *Compliance Procedures*, the Committee shall consist of a maximum of 14 members, with up to two drawn from each of the FAO regions, and not more than one drawn from a Contracting Party. The members shall be elected by the Governing Body on the basis of up to two nominations from each of the seven FAO regions.

29. According to Rule III of the *Rules of Procedures of the Committee*, each member of the Committee shall perform his or her duties and exercise his or her authority as a member of the Committee honourably, faithfully, impartially and conscientiously, and will seek to avoid any conflict of interest.

30. The Governing Body would need to take into account that members of the Committee shall have recognized competence in the field of genetic resources or other fields relevant to the International Treaty, including legal or technical expertise, and that they shall serve objectively and in their individual capacity.

31. In previous Resolutions on Compliance, the Governing Body reiterated the importance of maintaining sufficient resources for operation of the *Compliance Procedures* and the functioning of the Committee. It also decided that costs of Compliance Committee meetings, including those to facilitate the participation of Committee members, 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. The Governing Body requested the Secretary to include such costs in the Core Administrative Budget that is presented to the Governing Body for approval at its regular sessions. The Draft Work Programme and Budget for the 2022-23 biennium will, accordingly, include such costs.

VI. ELEMENTS OF A DRAFT RESOLUTION

32. The Committee prepared a draft Resolution on Compliance for the consideration of the Ninth Session of the Governing Body, as contained in *Annex 3*.

Annex I

**List of Contracting Parties that submitted a report pursuant to Section V.1 of the
Procedures and Operational Mechanisms to Promote Compliance and Address
Issues of Non-Compliance**

Argentina	Malaysia
Australia	Mali
Bangladesh	Malta
Bhutan	Morocco*
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	Namibia
Brazil*	Nepal*
Cameroon	Netherlands
Canada	Niger
Chile	Norway
Congo	Papua New Guinea
Costa Rica	Peru
Cuba	Philippines
Denmark	Poland
Ecuador	Rwanda*
Egypt	Slovenia
El Salvador	Spain
Eritrea	Sudan
Ethiopia	Sweden
Finland	Switzerland
Germany	Syrian Arab Republic
Guatemala	The Co-operative Republic of Guyana
Honduras	The Kingdom of Eswatini
India	Togo
Indonesia	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Italy	United States of America
Japan	Uruguay
Lebanon	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)
Libya	Zambia
Madagascar	

* Reports received since the Eighth Session of the Governing Body.

Annex 2

***SYNTHESIS AND ANALYSIS OF REPORTS RECEIVED PURSUANT TO SECTION V OF
THE COMPLIANCE PROCEDURES***

[...]

DRAFT RESOLUTION **/2021
COMPLIANCE

[ELEMENTS OF A DRAFT RESOLUTION]

THE GOVERNING BODY,

Recalling that one of the functions of the Compliance Committee is to “offer advice and/or facilitate assistance, as appropriate, to any Contracting Party, on matters relating to compliance with a view to assisting it to comply with its obligations under the International Treaty”;

Recalling that the Compliance Committee also has a mandate to “promote compliance by addressing statements and questions concerning the implementation of obligations under the International Treaty”;

Recalling the contribution of the International Treaty towards the achievement of SDG 2, SDG 15, and SDG 17;

Recalling the recommendations made by various Contracting Parties in relation to capacity development and the support needed, as reflected in Resolution 7/2019;

Reiterating the options for capacity development regarding monitoring and reporting on the implementation of the International Treaty for integration in future activities and programmes in Resolution 7/2019;

Monitoring and Reporting

- a) **Thanks** the Compliance Committee for the analysis provided in the document IT/GB-9/21/xx, Report of the Compliance Committee;
- b) **Thanks** those Contracting Parties that have submitted their reports pursuant to Section V of the Compliance Procedures on time as well as those that submitted or updated their reports subsequently;
- c) **Invites** all Contracting Parties, including Contracting Party Organizations, to continue submitting and updating their reports, pursuant to Section V of the Compliance Procedures, and **urges** those Contracting Parties which have not yet done so to submit their own reports, and **reiterates** that the second reports shall be submitted by 1 October 2023;
- d) **Requests** the Secretary to send regular reminders to Contracting Parties to submit and/or update their reports pursuant to Section V of the Compliance Procedures;
- e) **Invites** the members of the Compliance Committee to reach out to Contracting Parties in their respective regions to provide information and support in matters related to compliance, especially regarding the reporting obligations under Section V of the Compliance Procedures and the related timeline agreed by the Governing Body;
- f) **Welcomes** the production of indicators that re-use data previously submitted by Contracting Parties to show their contribution, through the International Treaty, towards the achievement of the global development agenda;

Support and Capacity Development

- g) **Welcomes** the establishment by the Secretary of a helpdesk to assist Contracting Parties with their reporting obligations and **requests** the Secretary to keep the Online Reporting System regularly updated;

- h) **Requests** the Secretary, subject to the availability of resources, to organise training workshops, and virtual training and information sessions on reporting through webinars; promote the use of multimedia resources, and circulate an updated information note, in various languages, to national focal points on how to report;
- i) **Requests** the Secretary to identify and develop partnerships with other organizations and regional networks, as well as synergies with other FAO units and the country offices, to raise awareness and to support Contracting Parties with their reporting and compliance obligations;
- j) **[Welcomes** that the overall aim of the Capacity Development Strategy approved in Resolution **/2021 is to enhance implementation of the International Treaty;]
- k) **[Requests** the Compliance Committee to include an assessment of the implementation of the Capacity Development Strategy in its future reports to the Governing Body;]
- l) **[Encourages** Contracting Parties and other donors to consider providing support and financial resources for capacity development activities as important and effective means to enhance the implementation of the International Treaty;]

Reviews under the mandate the Compliance Committee and Future Work

Cognizant that the information currently available to assess the effectiveness of the Compliance Procedures is still limited,

- m) **Decides** to postpone the review of the effectiveness of the Compliance Procedures to the Tenth Session of the Governing Body and **requests** the Compliance Committee, with inputs from Contracting Parties, to prepare an assessment and recommendations as a basis for the Governing Body to undertake the review;
- n) **Invites** the Compliance Committee to consider the development of legal, policy and administrative options to assist Contracting Parties in ensuring the conformity of their national legislation with the International Treaty and **Requests** the Secretary to undertake any necessary preparatory work for the consideration of the Compliance Committee in the 2022-23 biennium;
- o) **Encourages** Contracting Parties to avail themselves of the opportunities that the functions of the Compliance Committee provide, including by submitting to the Committee, through the Secretary, statements and questions concerning the implementation of the International Treaty;

Other Matters

- p) **Invites** Contracting Parties to promote the important role of the International Treaty in the regional conferences and in other meetings of FAO;
- q) **Invites** Contracting Parties to provide or update the contact details of their National Focal Points and, possibly, nominate an alternate reporting officer;
- r) **Elects** the members of the Compliance Committee in accordance with Section III.4 of the Compliance Procedures, as contained in the *Appendix* to this Resolution.

Annex 4

MEMBERS OF THE COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE*

REGION	MEMBER	REMARKS
AFRICA	Ms Angeline MUNZARA (2014)	<i>Vacant at end 2021, GB-9 to elect new member</i>
	Mr Koffi KOMBATE (2016)	<i>No action required by GB-9</i>
ASIA	Mr Anil Kumar ACHARYA (2018)	<i>May be re-elected by GB-9 for a second term</i>
	Mr Koukham VILAYHEUNG (2020)	<i>No action required by GB-9</i>
EUROPE	Ms Susanna PAAKKOLA (2016)	<i>No action required by GB-9</i>
	Ms Kim VAN SEETERS (2018)	<i>May be re-elected by GB-9 for a second term</i>
LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN	Mr Mahendra PERSAUD (2018)	<i>May be re-elected by GB-9 for a second term</i>
	Ms Mónica MARTÍNEZ (2020)	<i>No action required by GB-9</i>
NEAR EAST	Ms Hanaiya EL-ITRIBY (2020)	<i>No action required by GB-9</i>
	Mr Javad MOZAFARI (2020)	<i>No action required by GB-9</i>
NORTH AMERICA	Ms Neha Sheth LUGO (2018)	<i>May be re-elected by GB-9 for a second term</i>
	Ms Indra THIND (2018)	<i>May be re-elected by GB-9 for a second term</i>
SOUTH WEST PACIFIC	Ms Birte NASS-KOMOLONG (2020)	<i>No action required by GB-9</i>
	Mr Michael RYAN (2020)	<i>No action required by GB-9</i>

*The year in parenthesis indicates the beginning of the first term of the member. In accordance with the Rules of Procedures of the Compliance Committee, members shall be elected by the Governing Body for a period of four years, this being a full term, commencing on 1 January of the first year of the financial period of the International Treaty following their election. Members shall not serve for more than two consecutive terms (Rule III.4).