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NOTIFICATION

Call for Funds to Support the Participation of Representatives of Developing Country Contracting Parties in the Ninth Session of the Governing Body

Dear Madam/Sir,

I have the honour to draw your attention to the Report of the Eighth Session of the Governing Body of the International Treaty and the decisions contained therein. In particular, reference is made to [Resolution 14/2019](#) by which the Work Programme and Budget for the 2020-2021 biennium was adopted.

In paragraph 20 of Resolution 14/2019, the Governing Body encourages Contracting Parties and other donors to replenish the Special Fund to Support the Participation of Developing Countries in the amount of USD 700,000 for the 2020-2021 biennium, and it requested the Secretary to issue a call for funds to this effect.

Since the Eighth Session of the Governing Body, only one country has made a contribution to the Special Fund. Currently, the fund is significantly depleted and still far below the amount of USD 700,000 requested in Resolution 14/2019. Available resources are insufficient to cover the estimated cost for participation of developing countries in the Ninth Session of the Governing Body.

Given the heavy agenda and the important issues for consideration at this Session, shortage of resources in the Fund could negatively affect decision making in the Governing Body and its subsidiary bodies, arising from the reduced participation of developing country Contracting Parties.

Accordingly, this notification is issued to invite Contracting Parties to make contributions to this Special Fund to support the participation of developing country Contracting Parties in the Ninth Session of the Governing Body.

Should you need any additional information, please contact the Secretariat at PGRFA-Treaty@fao.org

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

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Secretary

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