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ON PLANT GENETIC RESOURCES
FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

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NOTIFICATION

Invitation to submit inputs on “Digital sequence information” (Deadline: 8 July 2022)

Dear Madam/Sir,

I have the honour to draw your attention to Resolution 13/2019 of the Governing Body of the International Treaty, on the Multi-Year Programme of Work (MYPoW).¹

By the Resolution, the Governing Body decided, *inter alia*, to consider additional inputs from Contracting Parties on “digital sequence information” at its Ninth Session (see the MYPoW table attached to the Resolution, “9th Session”, “Other Items”).

As requested by the Resolution, I will also inform the Governing Body at its Ninth Session of the state of discussions and outcomes of the related processes in the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture, as they relate to the potential implications of the use of “digital sequence information” on genetic resources for the objectives of the International Treaty (see paragraph 7 of the Resolution and the corresponding items in the MYPoW table).

In order to compile additional inputs from Contracting Parties and inform discussions on this topic at the Ninth Session of the Governing Body, I would be grateful if all submissions could be provided as soon as possible, but no later than **8 July 2022** by email through: pgrfa-treaty@fao.org.

For any queries or request for further information, please contact the Secretariat of the International Treaty through: pgrfa-treaty@fao.org.

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

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Secretary

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¹ <https://www.fao.org/3/nb791en/nb791en.pdf>

