Dear Madam/Sir,

You will recall that the Ninth Session of the Governing Body of the International Treaty requested the Secretary to organize a Global Symposium on Farmers’ Rights to share experiences and discuss possible future work on Farmers’ Rights, and welcomed the generous offer of the Government of India to host it.

Following consultations with the Government of India, I am pleased to announce that the Global Symposium on Farmers’ Rights will be held in New Delhi, India, from 12 to 15 September 2023.

The Symposium aims to share inspiring stories, innovative approaches, effective policies, best practices, knowledge and experiences, and lesson learned on implementing Farmers’ Rights, as set out in Article 9 of the International Treaty. It is expected to contribute to the understanding of a range of issues, the challenges and opportunities of implementing Farmers’ Rights by the Contracting Parties and interested stakeholders, including in the use of the Inventory and Options. As requested by the Governing Body through Resolution 7/2022, the Symposium will also assist in gathering ideas for possible future work on Farmers’ Rights as set out in Article 9 of the International Treaty.

The Symposium is open to all Contracting Parties to the International Treaty and interested stakeholders. It will be conducted in English with interpretation into Arabic, French, and Spanish.

If you wish to participate in this important event, please kindly send your expression of interest to the following address: PGRFA-Treaty@fao.org by 21 July 2023. Expenses incurred by participants or representatives of Contracting Parties or stakeholders shall be borne by such participants or their respective governments or organizations.

Further details on the Programme, practical arrangements, as well as logistics and visa information will be provided on the Treaty’s website, as they become available, at: https://www.fao.org/plant-treaty/meetings/meetings-detail/en/c/1628023/.
Please accept, Madam/Sir, the assurance of my highest consideration.

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Secretary
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