



**Food and Agriculture
Organization of the
United Nations**



The International Treaty
**ON PLANT GENETIC RESOURCES
FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE**

Item 1 of the Provisional Agenda

EIGHTH SESSION OF THE GOVERNING BODY

Rome, 11 – 16 November 2019

List of Observers

Executive Summary

As established under Article 19.5 of the Treaty, any “body or agency, whether governmental or non-governmental, qualified in fields relating to conservation and sustainable use of plant genetic resources for food and agriculture, which has informed the Secretary of the Treaty of its wish to be represented as an observer at a session of the Governing Body, may be admitted unless at least one third of the Contracting Parties present object”.

The Rules of Procedure of the Governing Body provides that “such observers may, upon invitation of the Chairperson, participate without the right to vote in sessions of the Governing Body on matters of direct concern to the body or agency they represent unless at least one third of the Contracting Parties present at the session object”.¹ The Rules of Procedure further foresee that “before the opening of a session of the Governing Body the Secretary will circulate a list of observers who have requested approval to be represented at the session”.².

The following bodies and agencies have requested approval to be represented at the Eighth Session of the Governing Body of the Treaty. The organizations that have requested to be admitted as observers for the first time are highlighted in bold letters.

¹ Rules of Procedure of the Governing Body, Rule VII.2.

² Rules of Procedure of the Governing Body, Rule VII.4.

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Observers

- 1) Action Group on Erosion, Technology and Concentration (ETC Group)
- 2) Action Jeunesse pour le Développement**
- 3) African Centre for Biodiversity (ACBIO)
- 4) African Seed Trade Association (ASTA)
- 5) Asociación para la Naturaleza y el Desarrollo Sostenible (ANDES)
- 6) Asociación de Organizaciones de los Cuchumatanes (ASOCUCH)
- 7) Associazione Rurale Italiana
- 8) Australian Food Sovereignty Alliance
- 9) Bread for the World
- 10) Bundesverband Deutscher Pflanzenzüchter e.V.**
- 11) Centro Internazionale Crocevia
- 12) China Biodiversity Conservation and Green Development Foundation (CBCGDF)
- 13) China Seed Association
- 14) Community Technology Development Trust (CTDT)
- 15) Crop Science Spain**
- 16) CropLife International
- 17) DivSeek International Network (DIN)
- 18) Environmental Consulting, Tajikistan
- 19) European Seed Association
- 20) Euroseeds
- 21) Federation of Seed Industry of India**
- 22) Fridtjof Nansen Institute (FNI)
- 23) Friends of the Earth International (FIE)
- 24) Fundación Proinpa**
- 25) Genetic Resources Action International (GRAIN)
- 26) Greenpeace International
- 27) Groupement National Interprofessionnel des Semences et plants (GNIS)
- 28) International Planning Committee for Food Sovereignty (IPC)
- 29) International Seed Federation (ISF)
- 30) International Seed Testing Association (ISTA)
- 31) Kamayoq**
- 32) Kenyan Peasants League**
- 33) KWS Saat**
- 34) La Via Campesina - International Farmers Movement
- 35) Local Initiatives for Biodiversity, Research and Development (LI-BIRD)
- 36) Marine Ecosystem Protected Area Trust (MEPA)**
- 37) Oxfam Novib
- 38) Peace Seeds
- 39) ProSpecieRara**
- 40) Rocky Mountain Seed Alliance**
- 41) Society for International Development**
- 42) Southeast Asian Regional Initiatives for Community Empowerment (SEARICE)
- 43) South Centre
- 44) The Development Fund (DF)
- 45) Third World Network (TWN)
- 46) Tropical Forest Network (TFN)**